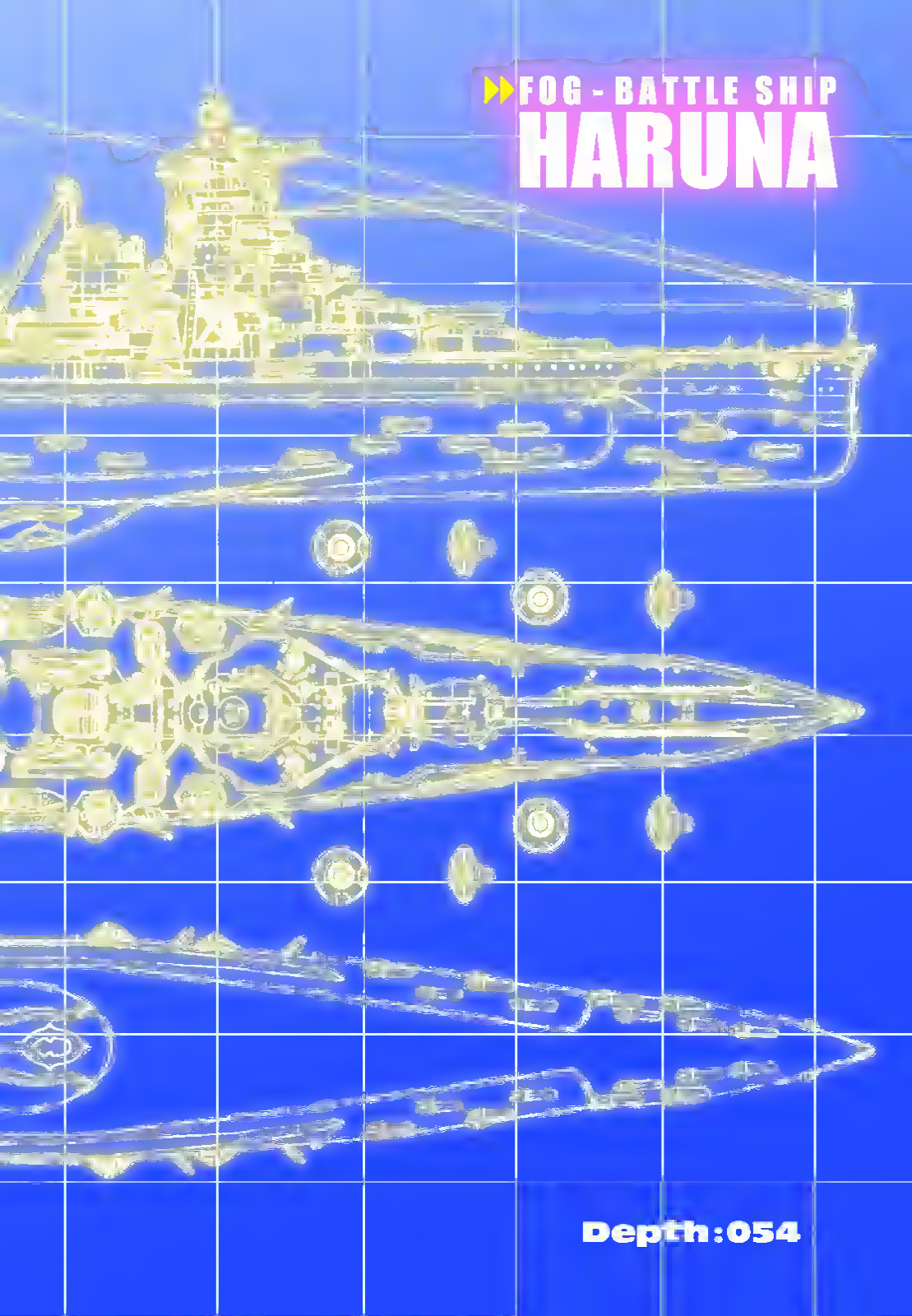
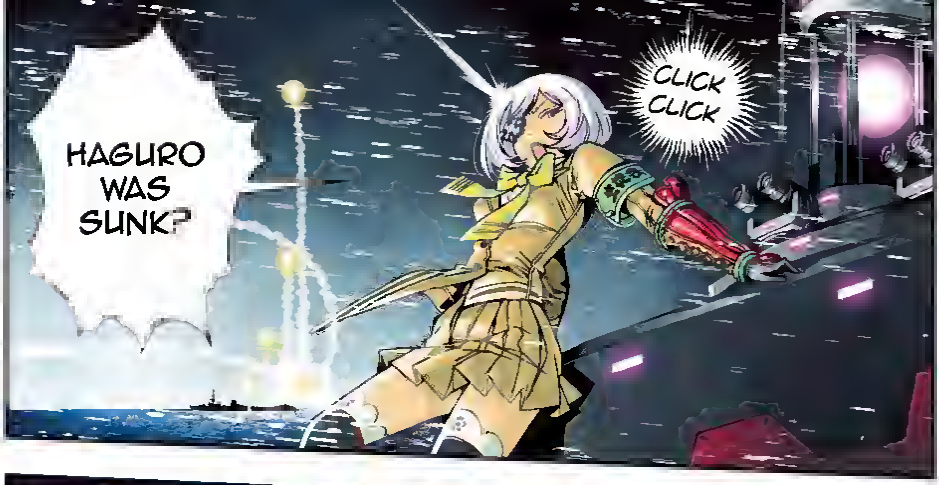
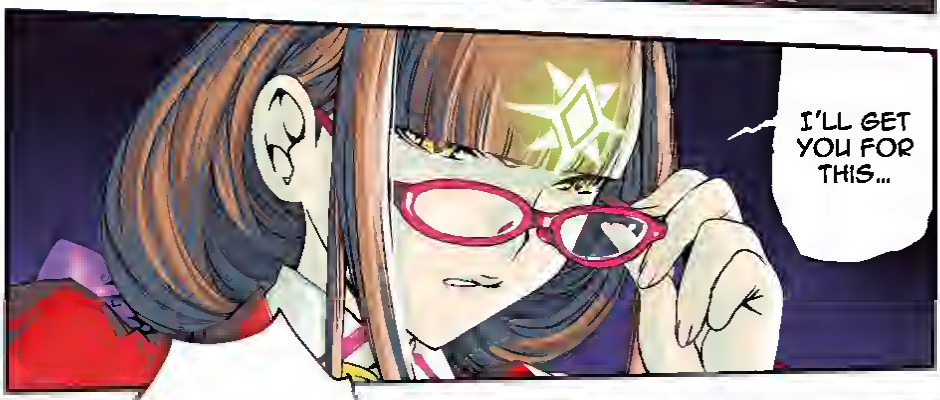
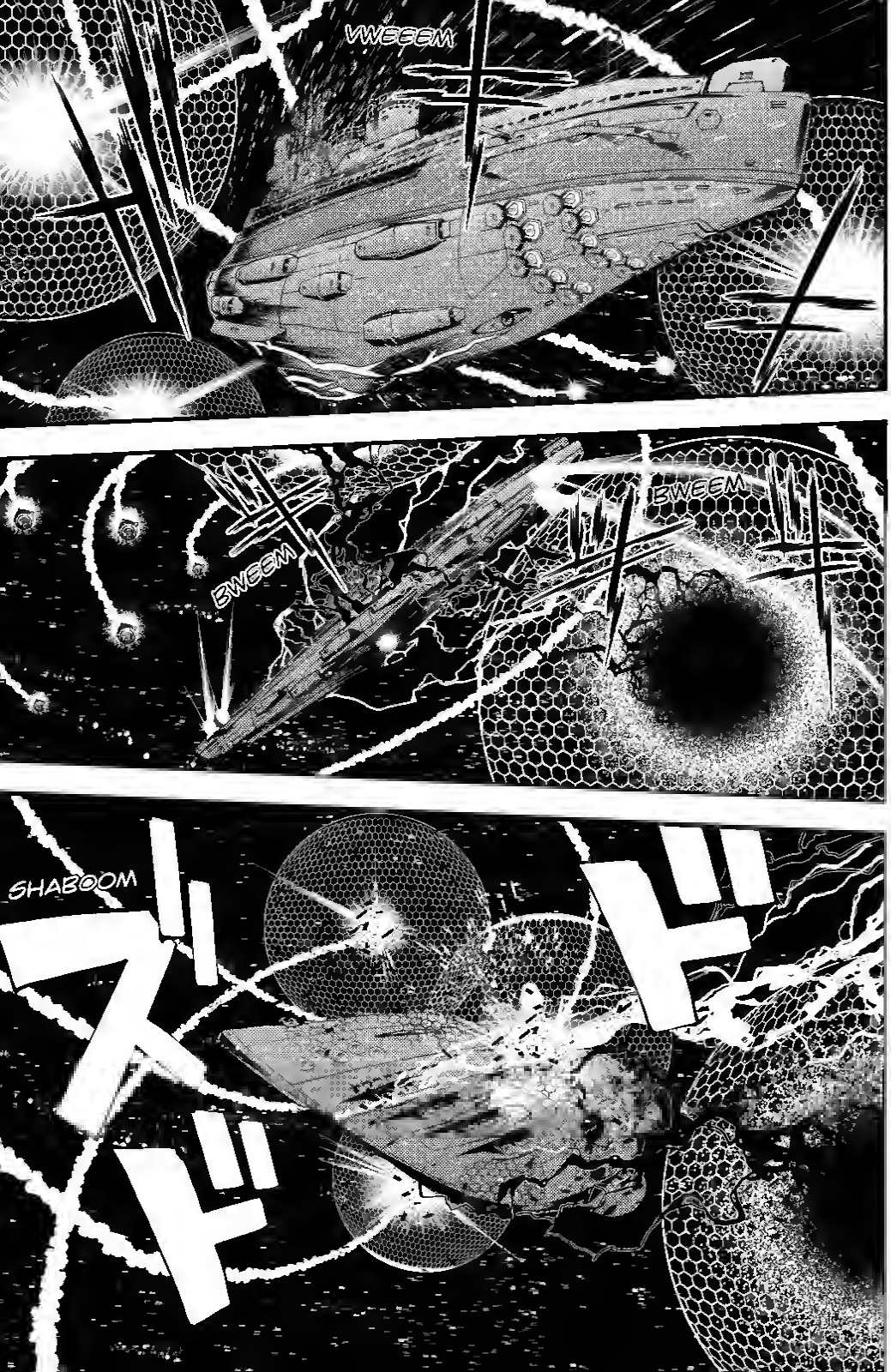
VWEEEM
#HAGURO!
BOOM!


FOG - BATTLE SHIP
HARUNA
Depth:054


HAGURO WAS SUNK?
CLICK CLICK


I'LL GET YOU FOR THIS...

...401!
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM


VWEEEM
BWEEM
BWEEM
SHABOOM
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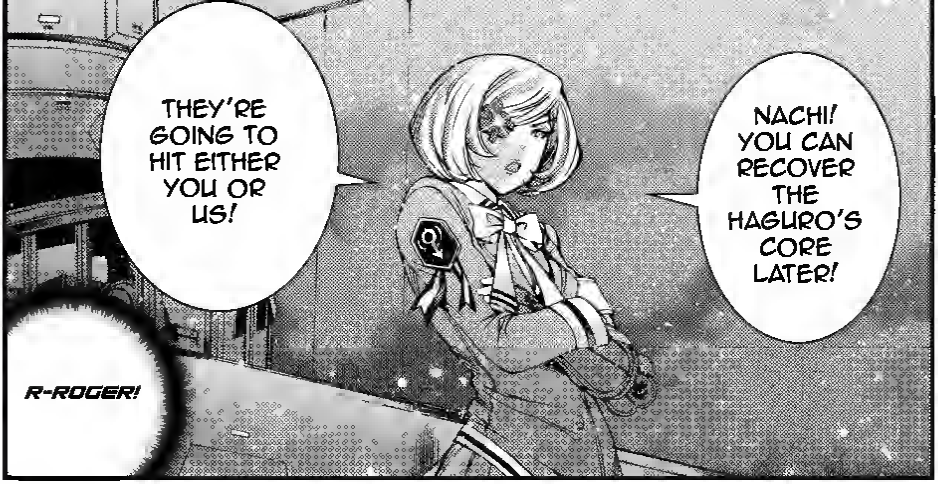
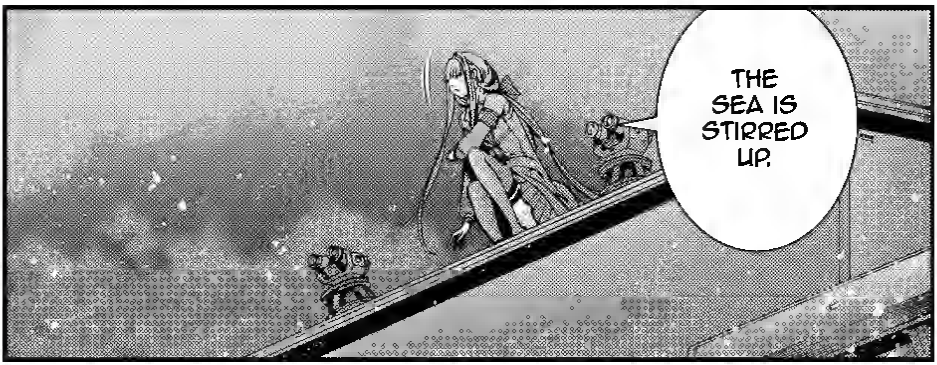
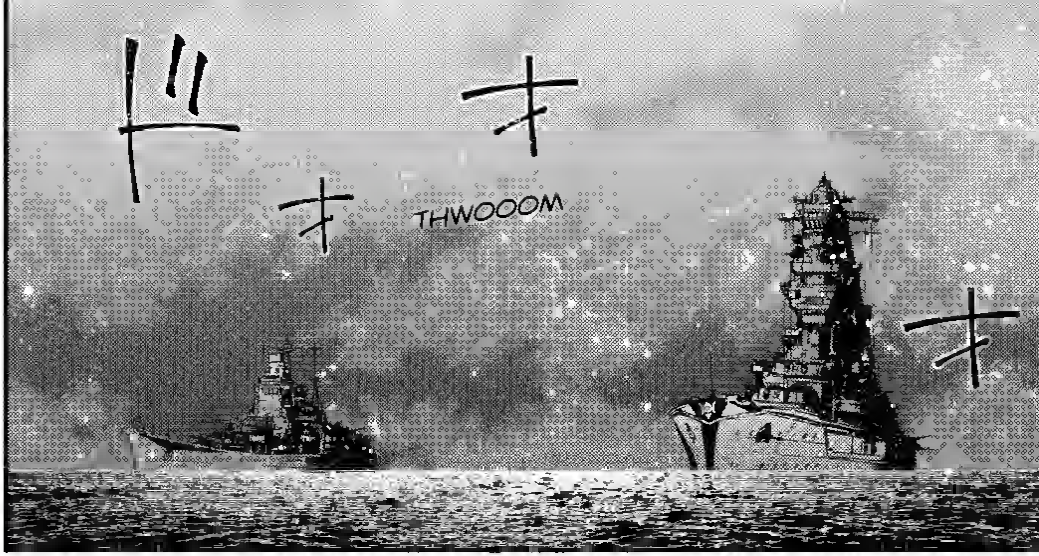
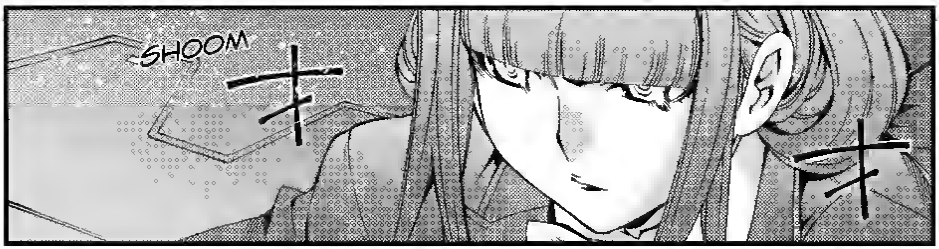
BE CAREFUL!
THERE'S NO WAY THEY WON'T TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS CHAOS.
SHWOOM
THOOM
CALL BACK THE ATAGO!
DESTROYER FLEETS ARE TO REMAIN IN FORMATION!
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
SPARK
THOOM


NACHI! YOU CAN RECOVER THE HAGURO'S CORE LATER!
THEY'RE GOING TO HIT EITHER YOU OR US!
R-ROGER!


THE SEA IS STIRRED UP.

THEY HAVE THE ADVANTAGE NOW.


THWOOOM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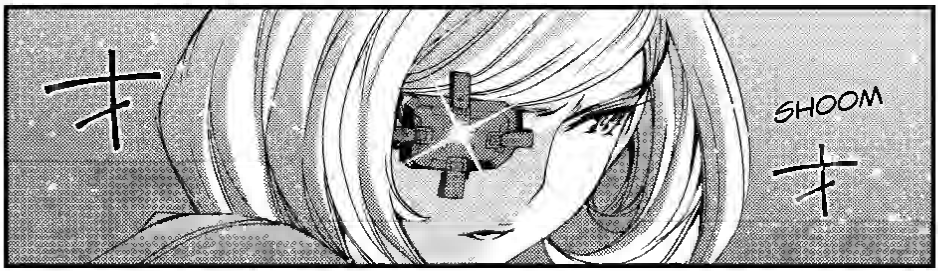
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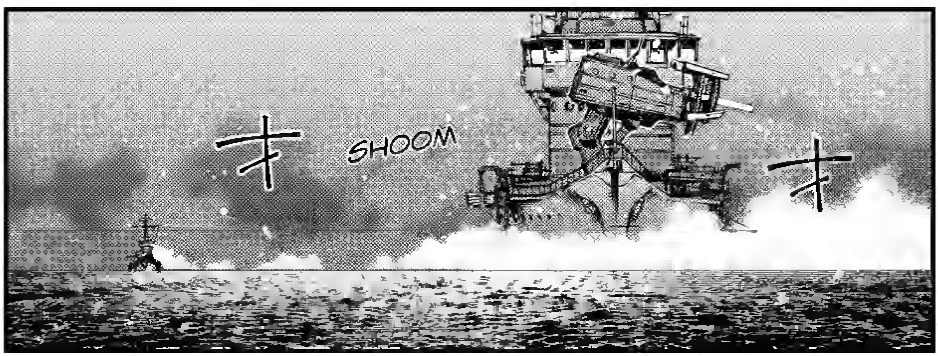
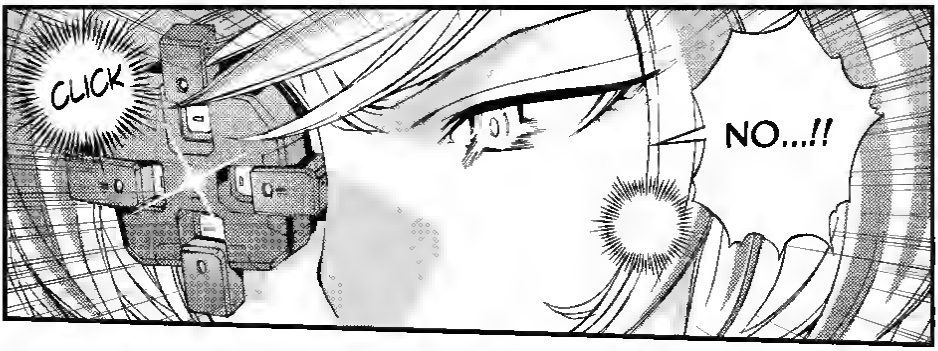
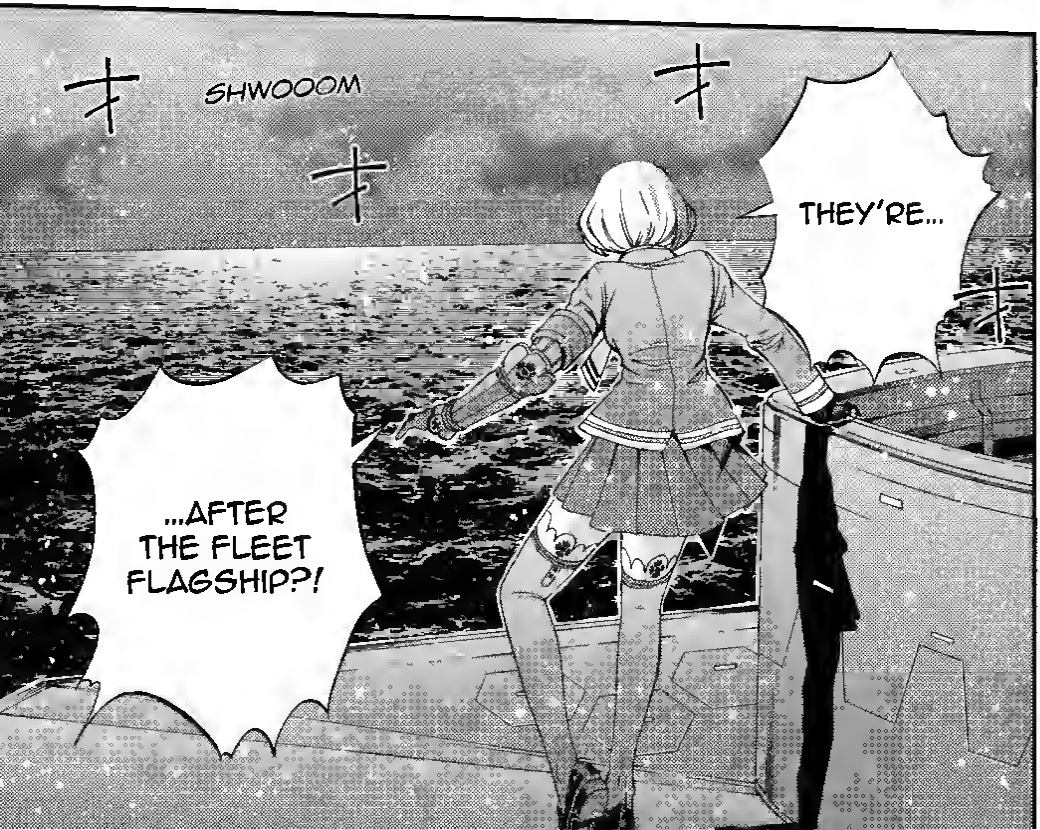

SHOOM

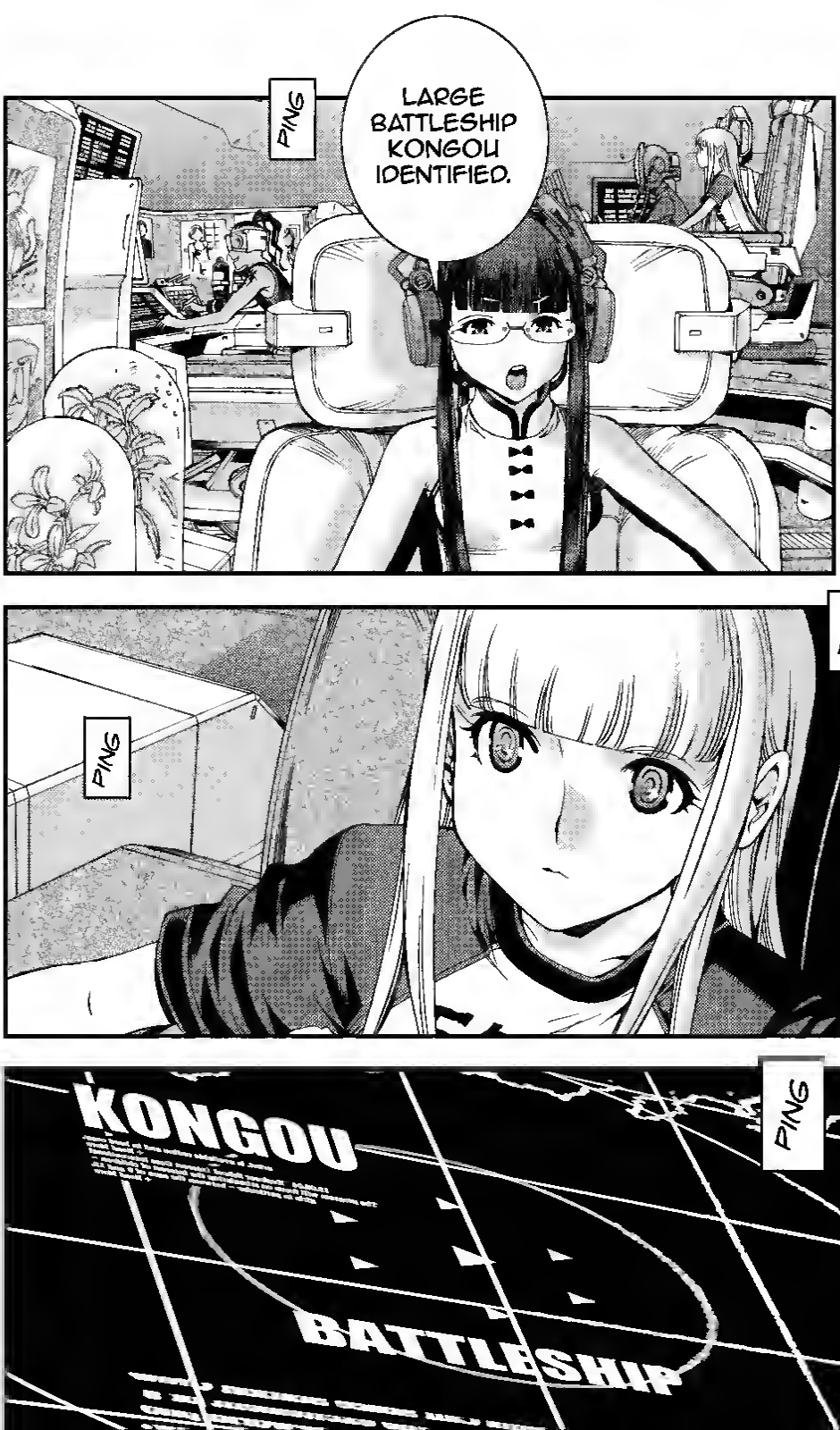
...NOT ATTACKING?
THEY'RE...


CLICK
NO...!!


SHWOOOM
THEY'RE...
...AFTER THE FLEET FLAGSHIP?!

ALL SHE'S GOT IS THE DESTROYER FLEET AND THE ASHIGARA, WHICH IS RESUPPLYING!
HOP
THIS'S BAD!
THE FLEET FLAGSHIP CAN'T MOVE YET!
THROOOM
SPSSHH
I KNOW!
ASHIGARA!

GRAVITON SIGNAL DETECTED!
TUP
SNAP
SNAP
SHIRE-TOKO! CANCEL THE RE-SUPPLY!
SNAP
SNAP
SPLOOSH
SPLOOSH
IT'S TOO LATE!
JUMP


PING
LARGE BATTLESHIP KONGOU IDENTIFIED.
PING
PING
PING
KONGOU
BATTLESHIP

an extra #2
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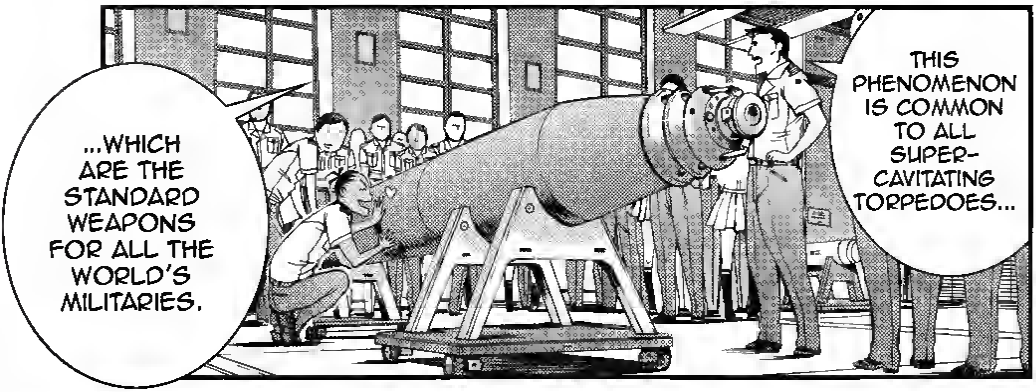
MMM...
TOCK
TICK
THAT SAME DREAM ...
AGAIN...
...

GOOD MORNING
OH.
GOOD MORNING
TAP
GOOD MORNING, MY NUMBER TWO!
I EXPECT YOU'LL BE THE CAPTAIN OF ANOTHER SHIP, SOU!
BUT GUNZOU IS MORE TALENTED THAN I AM.
IF GUNZOU'S NUMBER TWO, WHAT NUMBER AM I?
I CAN'T ARGUE WITH THAT.
THIS BOY IS FAR TOO ANTI-SOCIAL TO BE A CAPTAIN.
...HAS TO BE MORE THAN JUST A GOOD PILOT.
AH, BUT SEE, A CAPTAIN...

I'LL KEEP GUNZOU RIGHT BY MY SIDE.
I'D BE FAR TOO WORRIED ABOUT HIM OTHERWISE.
SQUEEZE


THIS PHENOMENON IS COMMON TO ALL SUPER-CAVITATING TORPEDOES...
...WHICH ARE THE STANDARD WEAPONS FOR ALL THE WORLD'S MILITARIES.

THE FIRST OF THESE TORPEDOES WAS THE SOVIET NAVY'S VA-111 SHKVAL, WHICH WAS COMPLETED IN THE LATE 1970S.
AND IN 2028, DEVELOPMENT AND DEPLOYMENT OF THE FATHER OF THE MODERN TORPEDO...
...THE GUIDED AND HIGHLY PROGRAMMABLE BARACUDA/C3, WAS COMPLETED.

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SHOOM
WHA-
WHAT?!
WAH!
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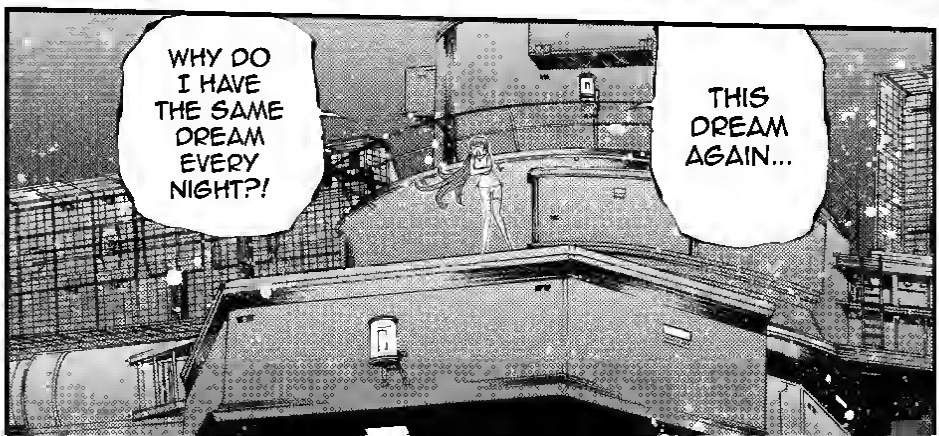
WHY DO I HAVE THE SAME DREAM EVERY NIGHT?!
THIS DREAM AGAIN...

THE FIRST TIME I FELL, I THOUGHT I WAS GOING TO DIE.
IT'S A DREAM, SO I KNOW I CAN DO THINGS...
...LIKE THIS.
FROM WHAT I LOOKED UP IN THE LIBRARY, THIS IS A SUPER-BATTLESHIP... EITHER THE YAMATO OR THE MUSASHI.
...DOES THAT MEAN I TRULY WANT TO GO OUT TO SEA SO BADLY?
IF I'M HAVING DREAMS LIKE THIS...
AT THIS RATE I'M GOING TO WIND UP ONE OF THOSE GIRLS WHO TALKS TO HERSELF ALL THE TIME!

I WOULD BE THE CAPTAIN, AND GUNZOU THE XO.
OR I GUESS, IF HE INSISTED, IT COULD BE THE OTHER WAY AROUND.
IF I HAD A SHIP LIKE THIS, AND WANTED TO GO OUT TO SEA TOGETHER WITH HIM...
BUT THAT WOULD NEVER HAPPEN.
NOT WITH HIM.
WOULD GUNZOU COME WITH ME?

HE TRIES TO DO EVERYTHING HIMSELF.
HE'D WANT HIS OWN SHIP.
...BEING SOME-ONE'S CHILD-HOOD FRIEND.
IT'S REALLY TOUGH...
HOW COME YOU NEVER THINK ABOUT ME?
HEY, GUNZOU CHIHAYA... I'M THINKING ABOUT YOU ALL THE TIME.
YOU ALWAYS, ALWAYS TRY TO DO EVERYTHING YOURSELF. WHAT IS WRONG WITH YOU?
GUNZOU CHIHAYA! LET ME HELP YOU WITH SOMETHING ALREADY!
I'LL TELL EVERYBODY WHAT YOU DID TO ME RIGHT UP UNTIL WE WERE IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL!
YOU DUMMY! BLOCKHEAD! YOU'RE SUCH A SPOILED BABY!
WHEN I THINK ABOUT IT...
GRRR
...IT KIND OF MAKES ME MAD.

I'LL BLOW YOU AWAY WITH THESE GUNS!
NOW THAT WE'VE GROWN UP, YOU DON'T NEED YOUR CHILDHOOD FRIEND ANYMORE, HUH?
BOOM!
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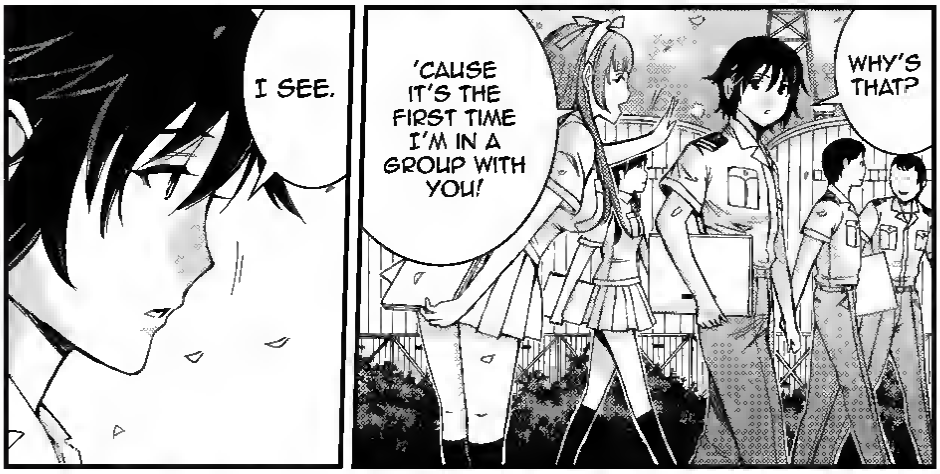
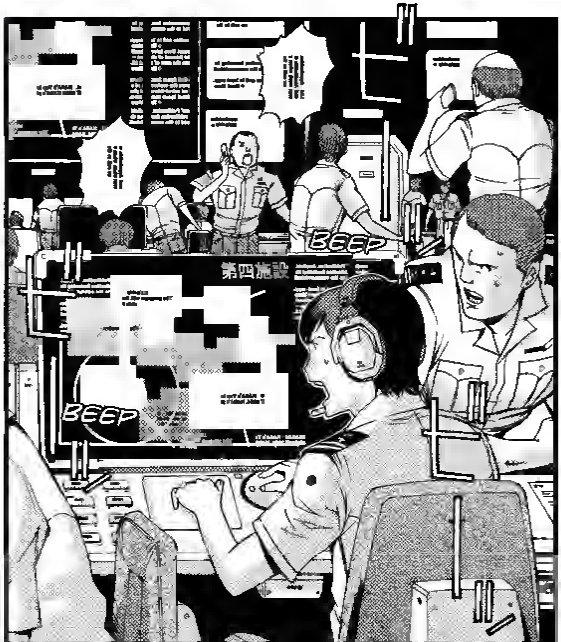
Facility 4
WHAT AN EMBARRASSING DREAM...
SPLASH

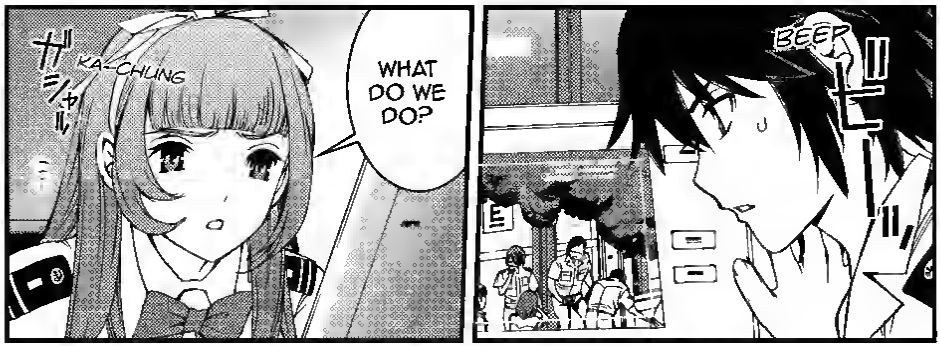
I'VE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS FIELD TRIP TODAY.
HEY, GUNZOU.


I SEE.
'CAUSE IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'M IN A GROUP WITH YOU!
WHY'S THAT?


BEEP
第四施設
BEEP

BLEAH!

BEEP
THE FLAMES ARE SPREADING FAST.
THE SUB-CONTROL ROOM THEY LET US USE IS THE ONLY ONE THAT'S STILL FUNCTIONAL.
BEEP
THE FIRE'S STARTED ON THE LOWEST LEVELS. I'M HITTING THE CONTROL KEYS, BUT THE BULKHEADS WON'T CLOSE

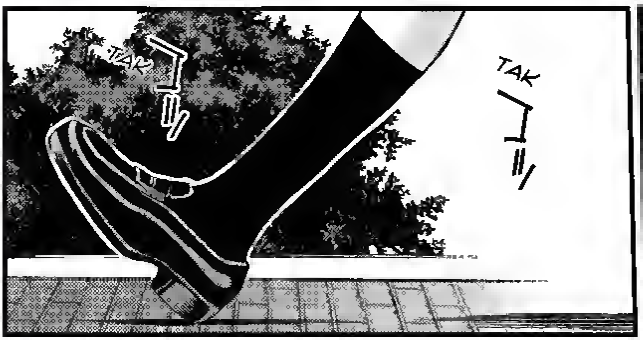

KA-CHUNG
WHAT DO WE DO?
BEEP

SOU SHOULD BE DOWN THERE TOO. I'LL MEET UP WITH HIM.
I'LL GO BACK TO THE LOWER LEVELS AND CLOSE THE BULKHEADS MANUALLY.
BEEP
I TRUST YOU.
GOT IT. LEAVE IT TO ME.
BEEP
AND HELP DIRECT ME.
KOTONO, YOU STAY HERE AND MONITOR THE SITUATION.
KA-CHUNG
KA-CHUNG
USE THE PA SYSTEM TO HELP PEOPLE EVACUATE.

...
I ALWAYS BELIEVE IN YOU.
スコー
SLIP
?
WHAT?
...
GUN-ZOU...
OH, UM...
BE CAREFUL.
SEE YOU SOON.

BEEP
BEEP
YEAH.
FSHOOM
BEEP
FWOOM
KOTONO
FWOOM

PLEASE, STOP!
GUN-ZOU!
GRAB
GUNZOU!
DASH
PLEASE ...
PSSHT!
LET ME GO!
GUN-ZOU!
STOP IT, GUNZOU ...
I'M BEGGING YOU.
STOP IT...



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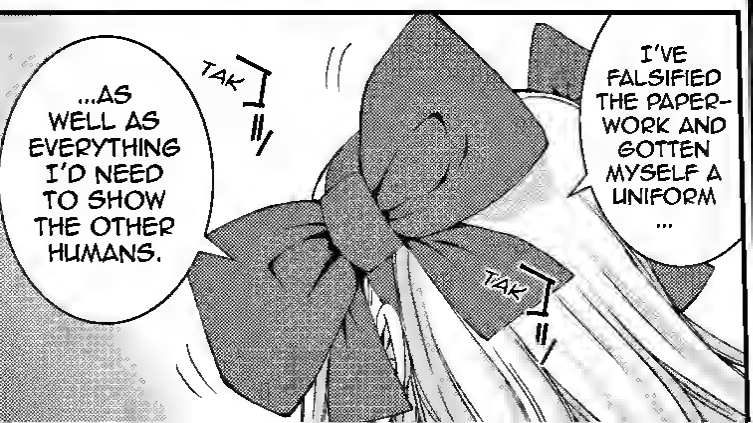

I HOPE I GET ENOUGH EXPERIENCE POINTS TO JUSTIFY ALL THE TROUBLE.
TAK
TO BE HONEST, IT WASN'T EASY.
TAK
GUNZOU CHIHAYA...
TAK
THIS HAD BETTER BE WORTH IT.
TAK

KONGO
BATTLESHIP
PING
PING
WE'VE IDENTIFIED THE LARGE BATTLESHIP KONGOU.
BINGO!
OUR TARGET...
...IS THE ENEMY FLAGSHIP, KONGOU!
FULL FIRE! THREE ROUNDS!
ALWAYS #2
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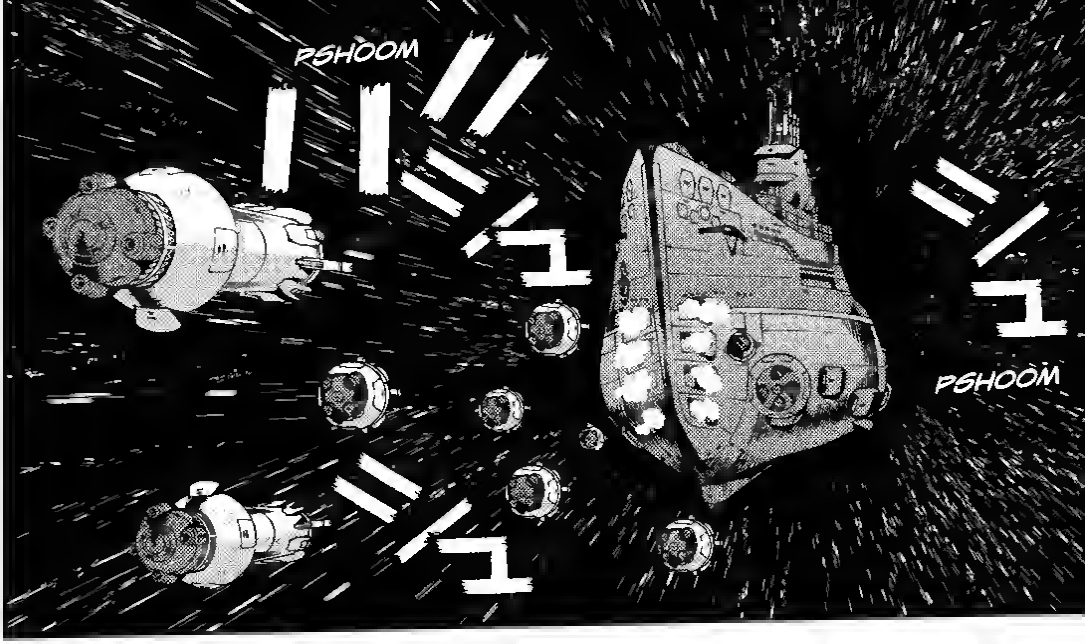
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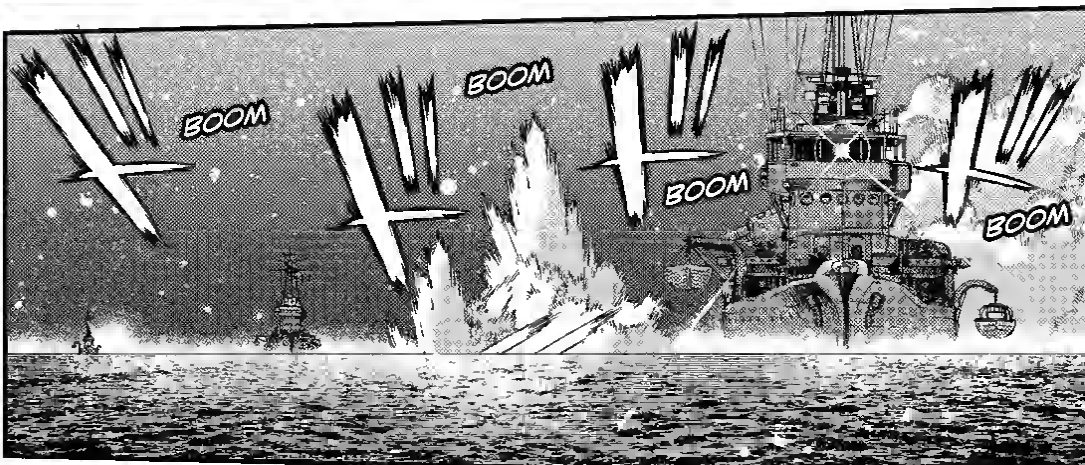
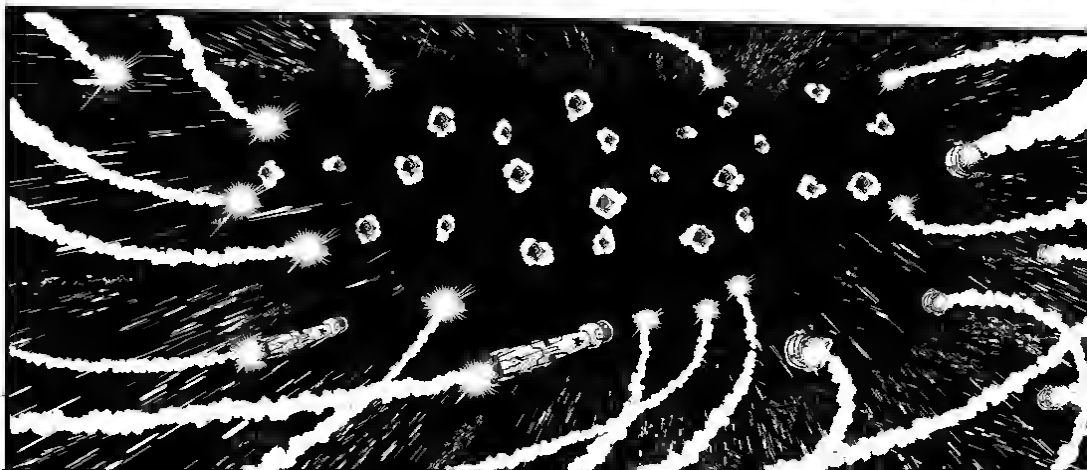
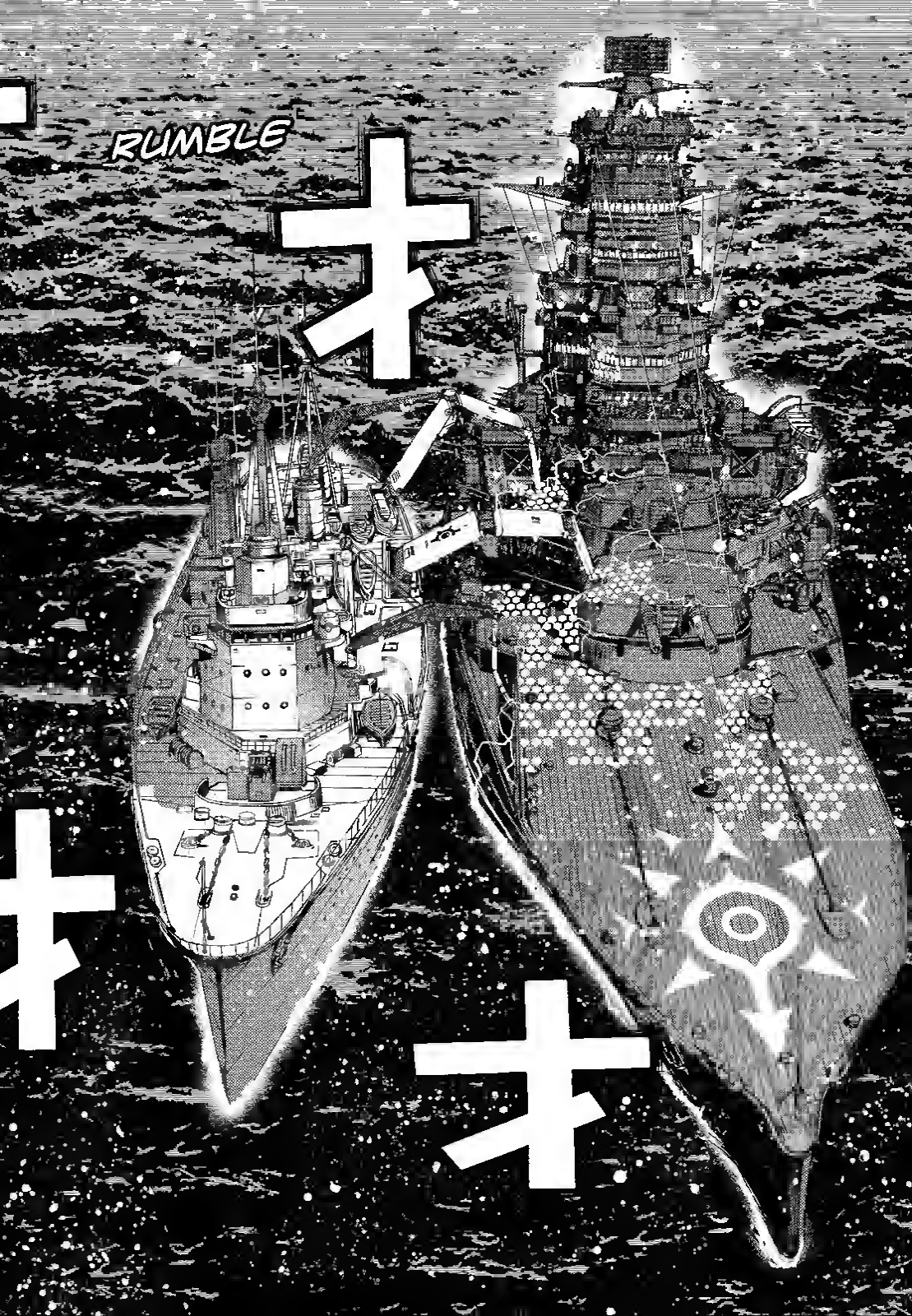
PSHOOM


BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM



THWOOM
SEVEN MADE IT THROUGH HER DESTROYER DEFENSE NETWORK.
Only seven, huh?
THEY'LL IMPACT IN 16 SECONDS.
SHWOOOM
FLEET FLAGSHIP!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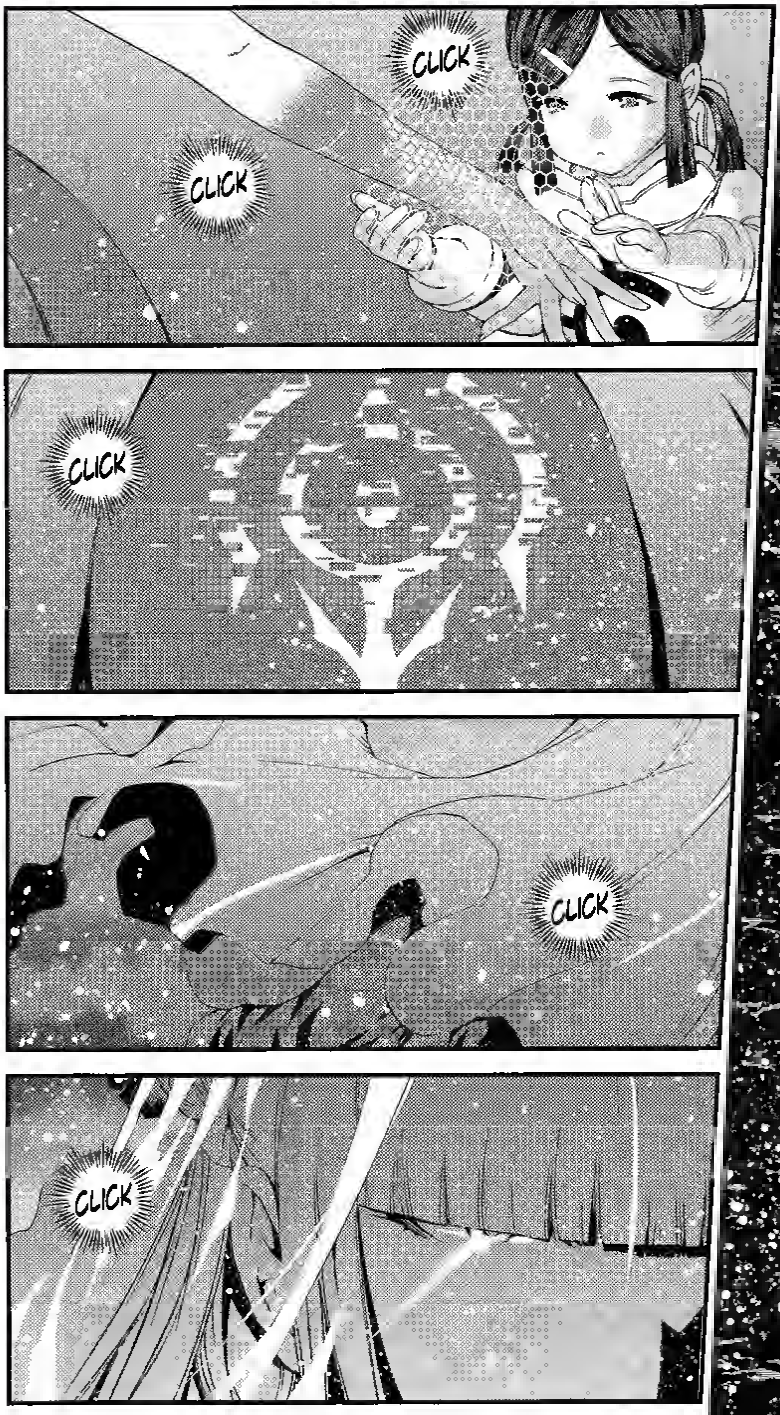
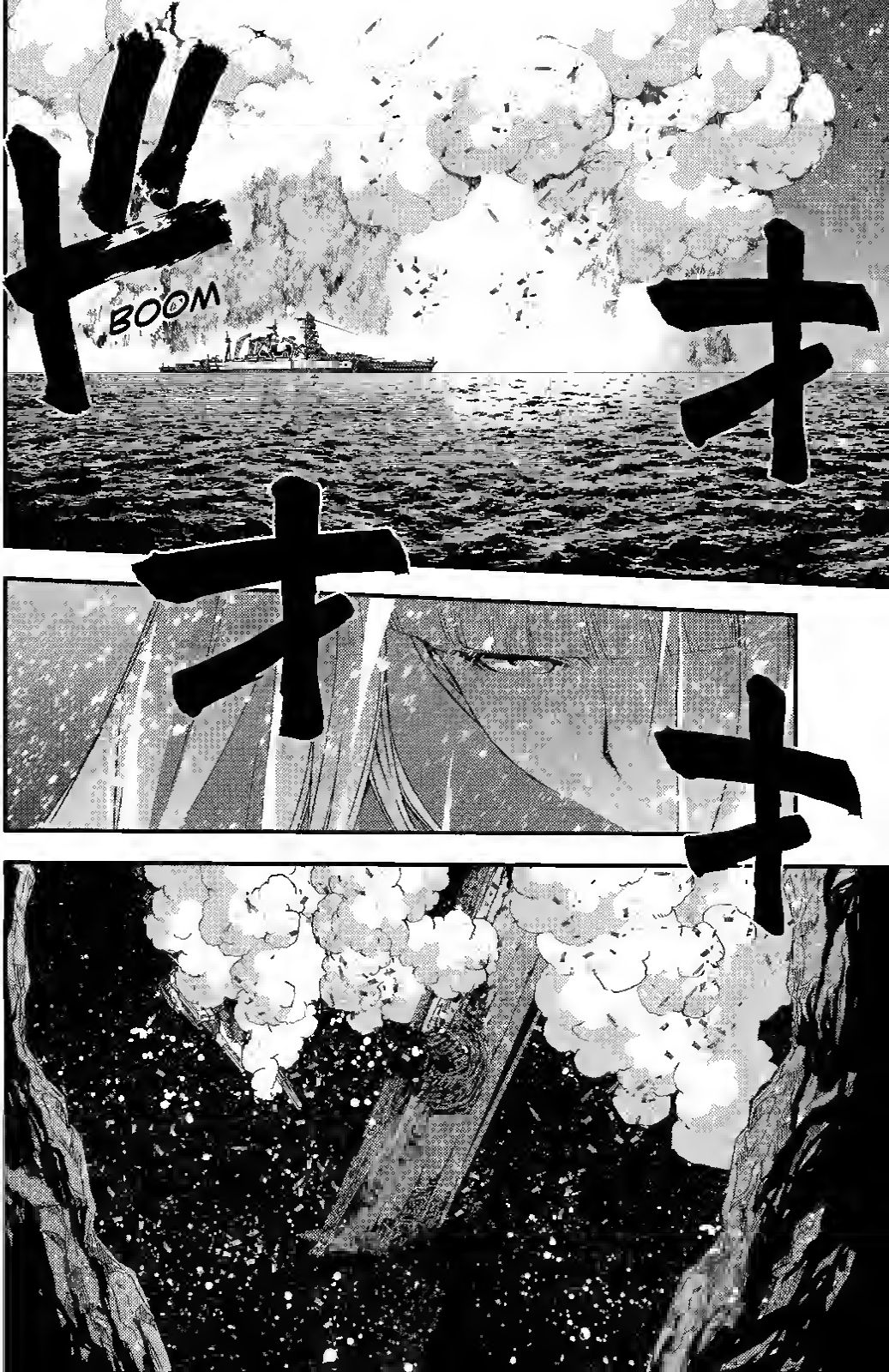

CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK

SHWOOM
PLEASE MAKE IT IN TIME!
THMPAH
PA
PAH
BA-SHOOM

IT'S NO USE!
THEY'RE NOT GOING TO MAKE IT!
ZSSSH
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK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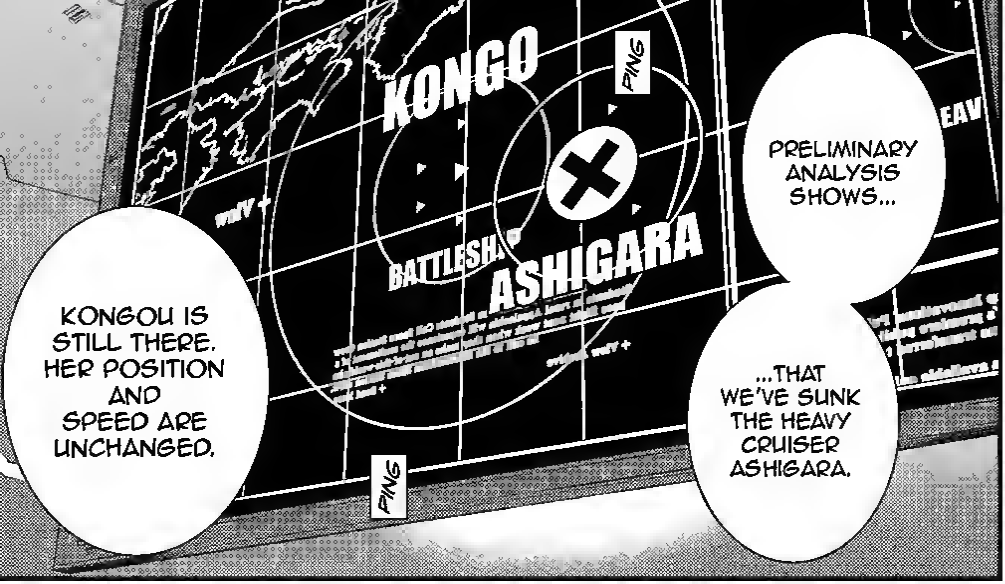
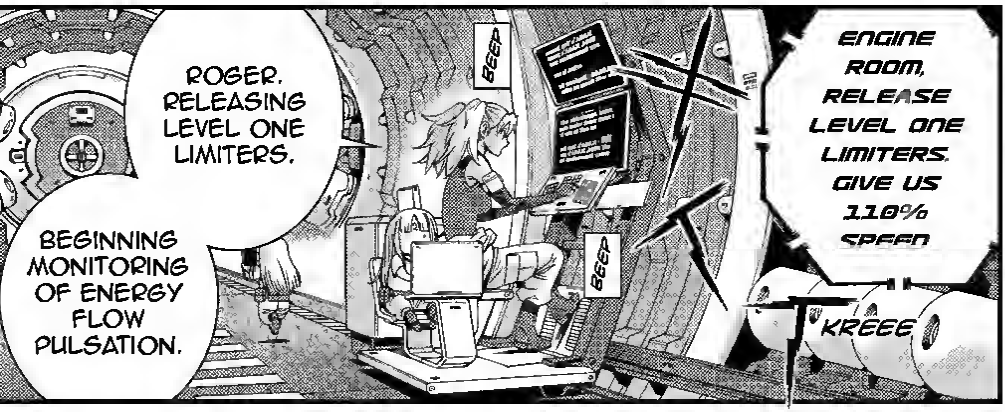
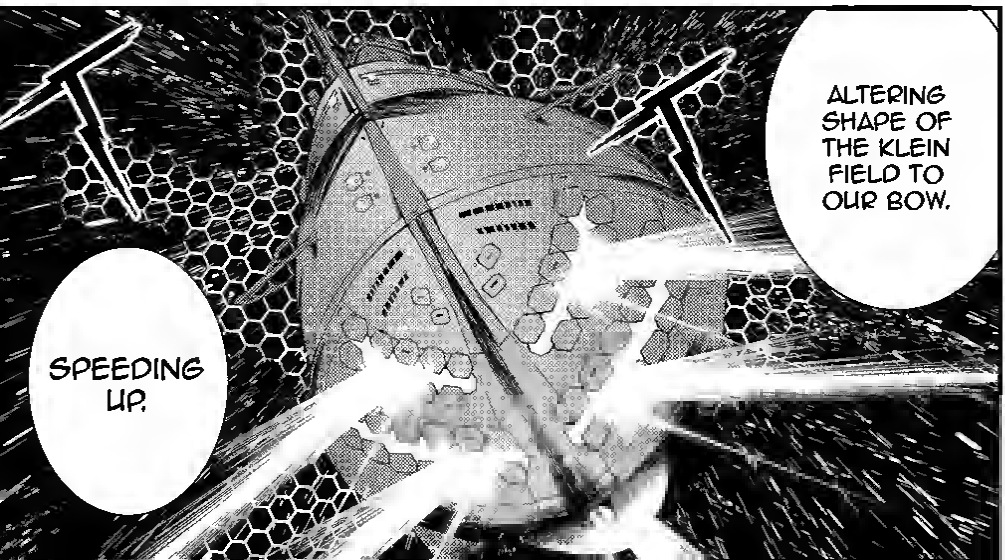
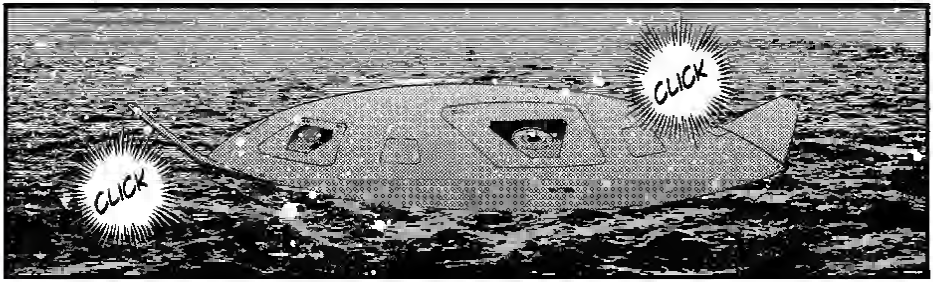
BOOM

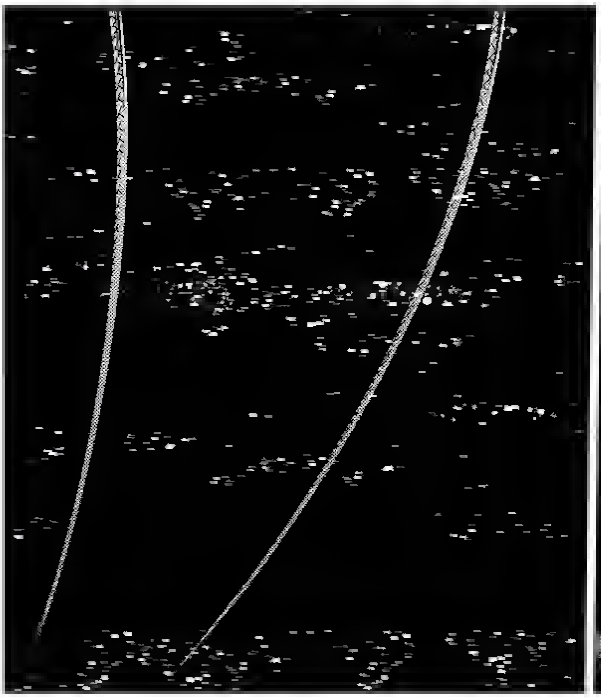
ALL ROUNDS HAVE EXPLODED. SONAR SENSITIVITY DOWN.
ANALYZING GRAVITONIC SENSOR DATA.
GIVE ME TEN SECONDS.
BEEP
BEEP
THWOOOM
ROGER. TURN US AROUND
IF WE NEED TO, WE'LL ATTACK AGAIN.
ALL TUBES LOADED WITH CORROSIVE TORPEDOES.

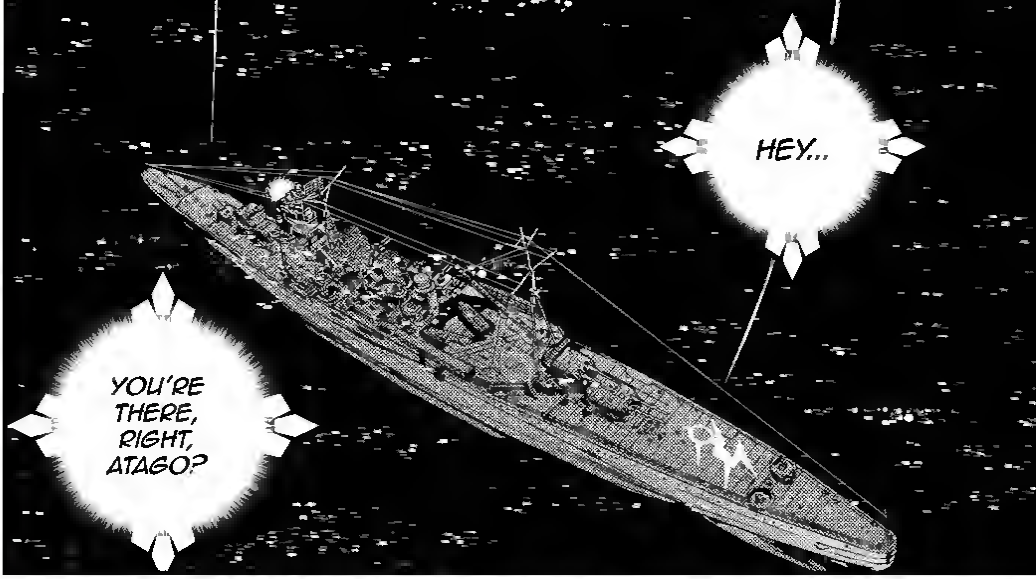

KONGO
PING
BATTLESHIP
ASHIGARA
PING
KONGOU IS STILL THERE. HER POSITION AND SPEED ARE UNCHANGED.
PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS SHOWS...
...THAT WE'VE SUNK THE HEAVY CRUISER ASHIGARA.

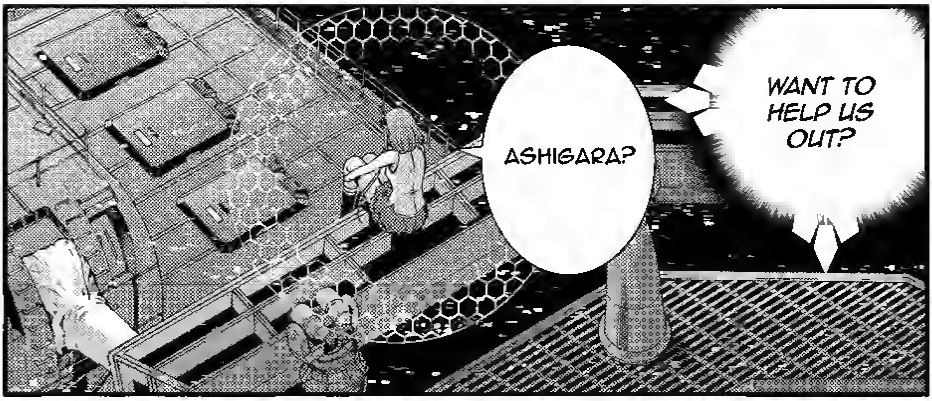

ROGER. RELEASING LEVEL ONE LIMITERS.
BEGINNING MONITORING OF ENERGY FLOW PULSATION.
BEEP
BEEP
ENGINE ROOM. RELEASE LEVEL ONE LIMITERS. GIVE US 110% SPEED
KREEE


ALTERING SHAPE OF THE KLEIN FIELD TO OUR BOW.
SPEEDING UP.


CLICK
CLICK




HEY...
YOU'RE THERE, RIGHT, ATAGO?


ASHIGARA?
WANT TO HELP US OUT?

I'M NOT WITH THE FIRST FLEET.
I KNOW THAT.

I'M SIMPLY HERE AT THE ORDERS OF MY FLAGSHIP, NAGATO, TO RECORD YOUR BATTLE.
I'M AWARE OF THAT.
MY FLAGSHIP, NAGATO, IS MONITORING THIS SITUATION THROUGH ME.
BUT AT THIS RATE WE'RE GOING TO LOSE...
IF NECESSARY SHE'LL GIVE THE ORDER.
PLEASE! YOU'RE THE ONLY SHIP IN THIS AREA WHO CAN TAKE ON 401.
HIEI AND MYOUKOU WON'T MAKE IT IN TIME.

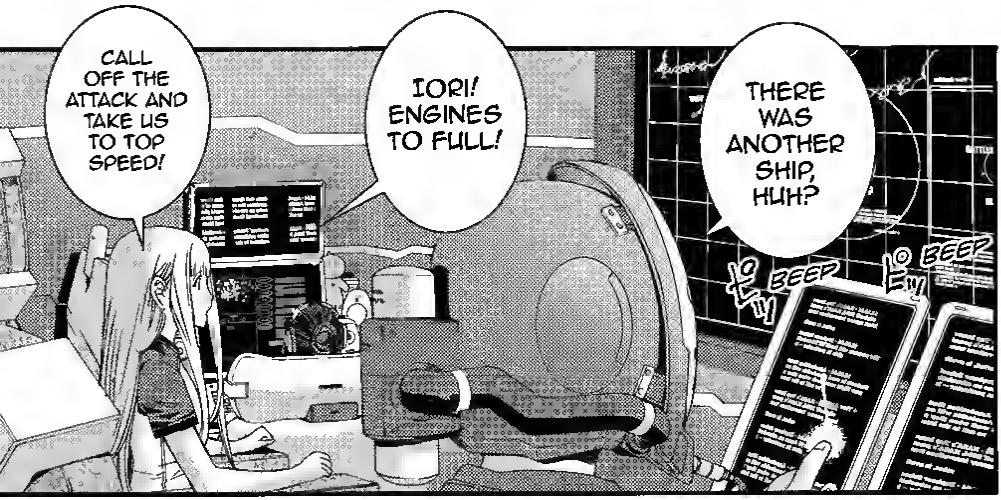
PLEASE...

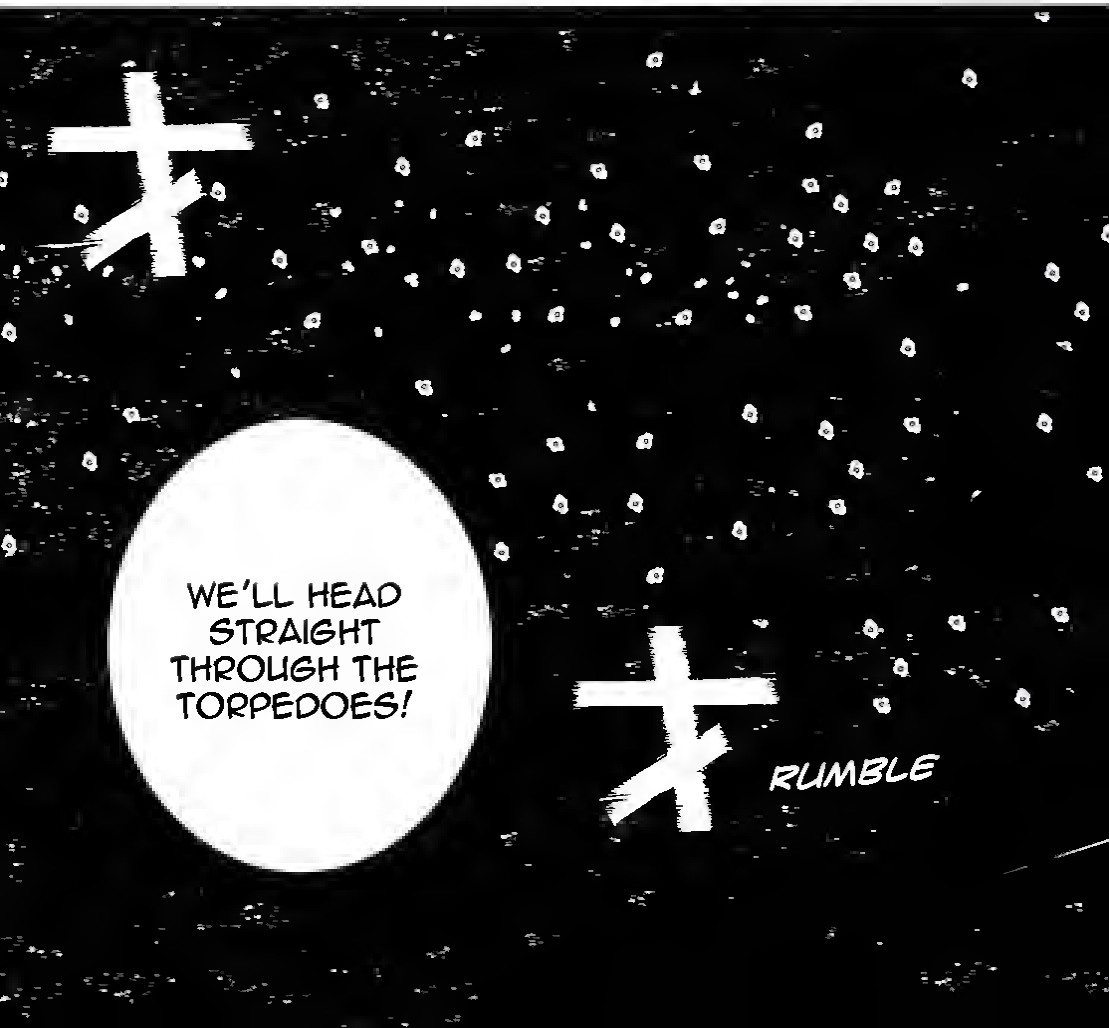
HMPH.
YOU OWE ME FOR THIS.

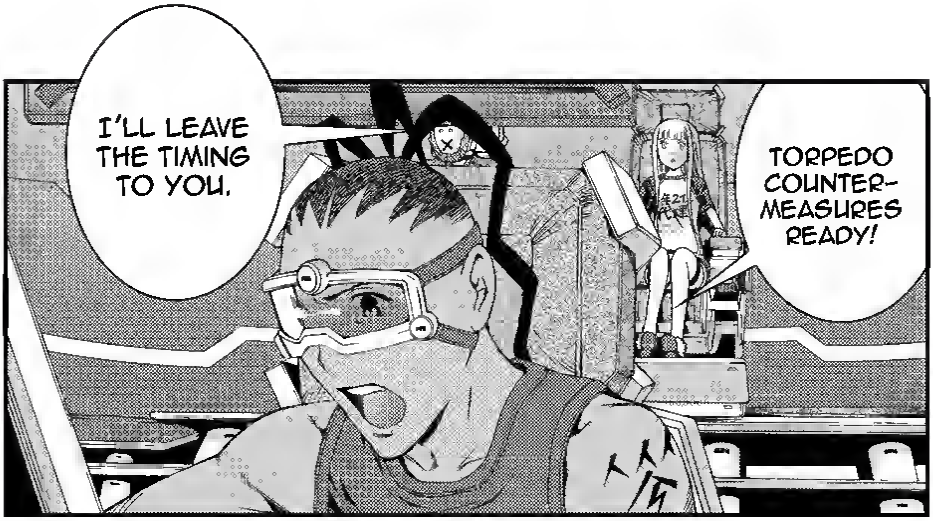
STARTING ENGINES.
I'VE GOT 128 WEAPONS WITH CORROSIVE WARHEADS.
LET'S SEE IF YOU CAN DODGE THEM ALL.
GWOOM
GWOOM
GWOOM

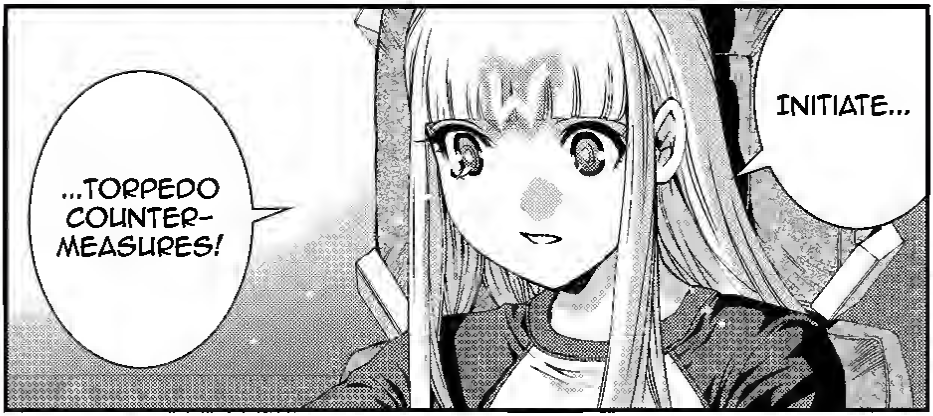
THOOM
FULL FIRE.
THOOM
THOOM

GRAVITONIC SENSOR IS DETECTING CORROSIVE TORPEDOES!
128 OF THEM!
RUMBLE

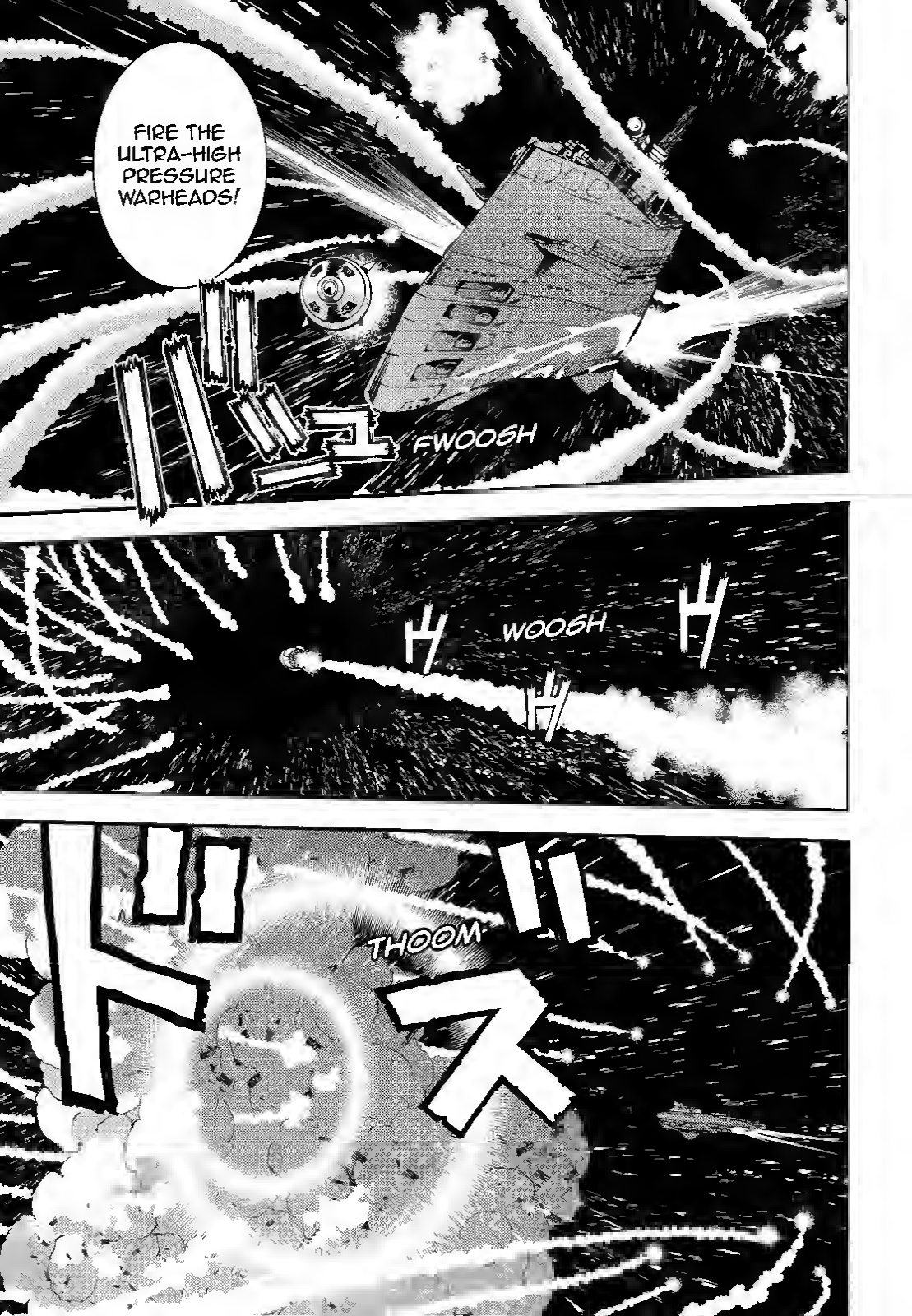

CALL OFF THE ATTACK AND TAKE US TO TOP SPEED!
IORI! ENGINES TO FULL!
THERE WAS ANOTHER SHIP, HUH?
BEEP
BEEP

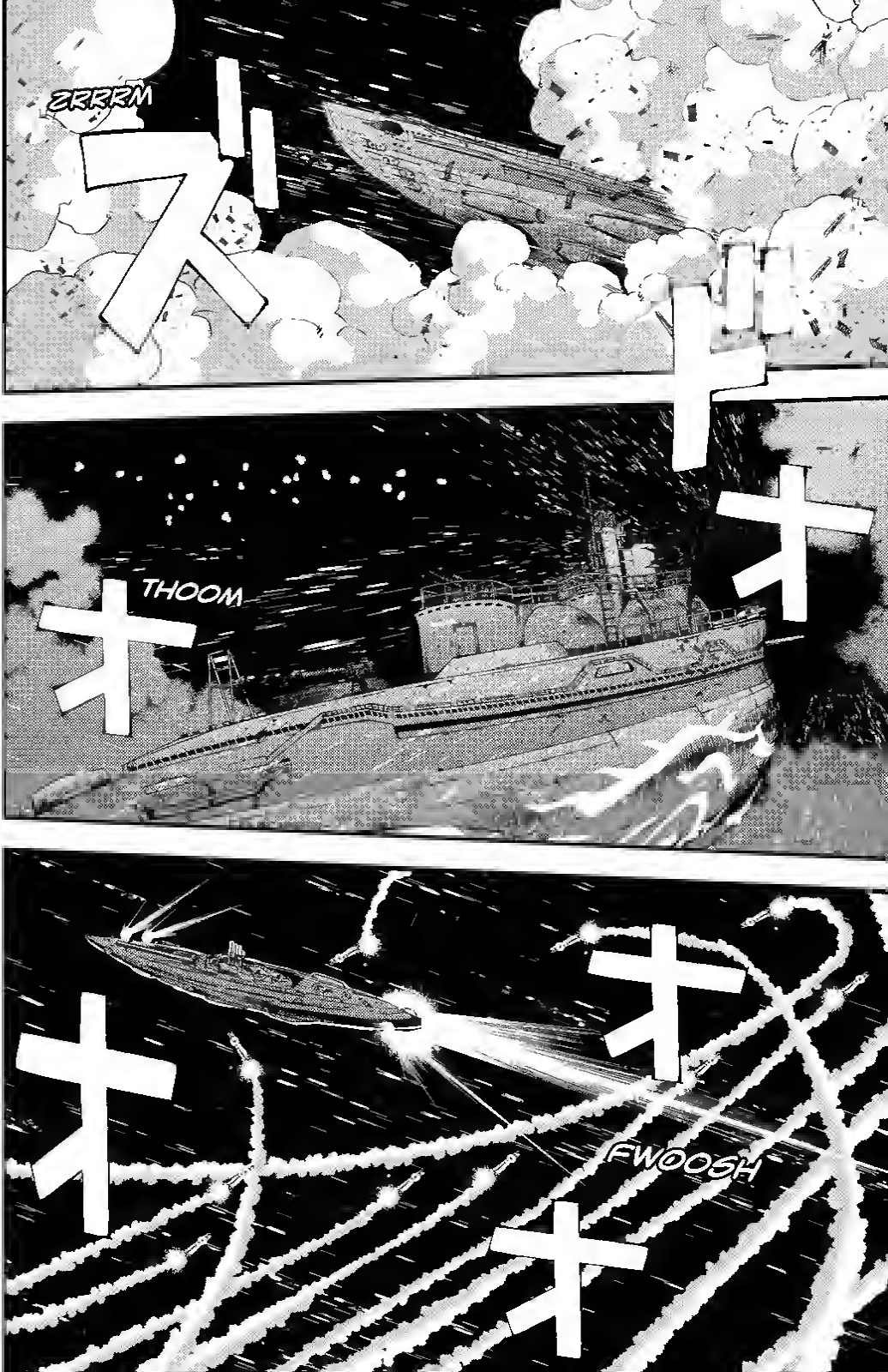

WE'LL HEAD STRAIGHT THROUGH THE TORPEDOES!
RUMBLE


I'LL LEAVE THE TIMING TO YOU.
TORPEDO COUNTER-MEASURES READY!


INITIATE...
...TORPEDO COUNTER-MEASURES!

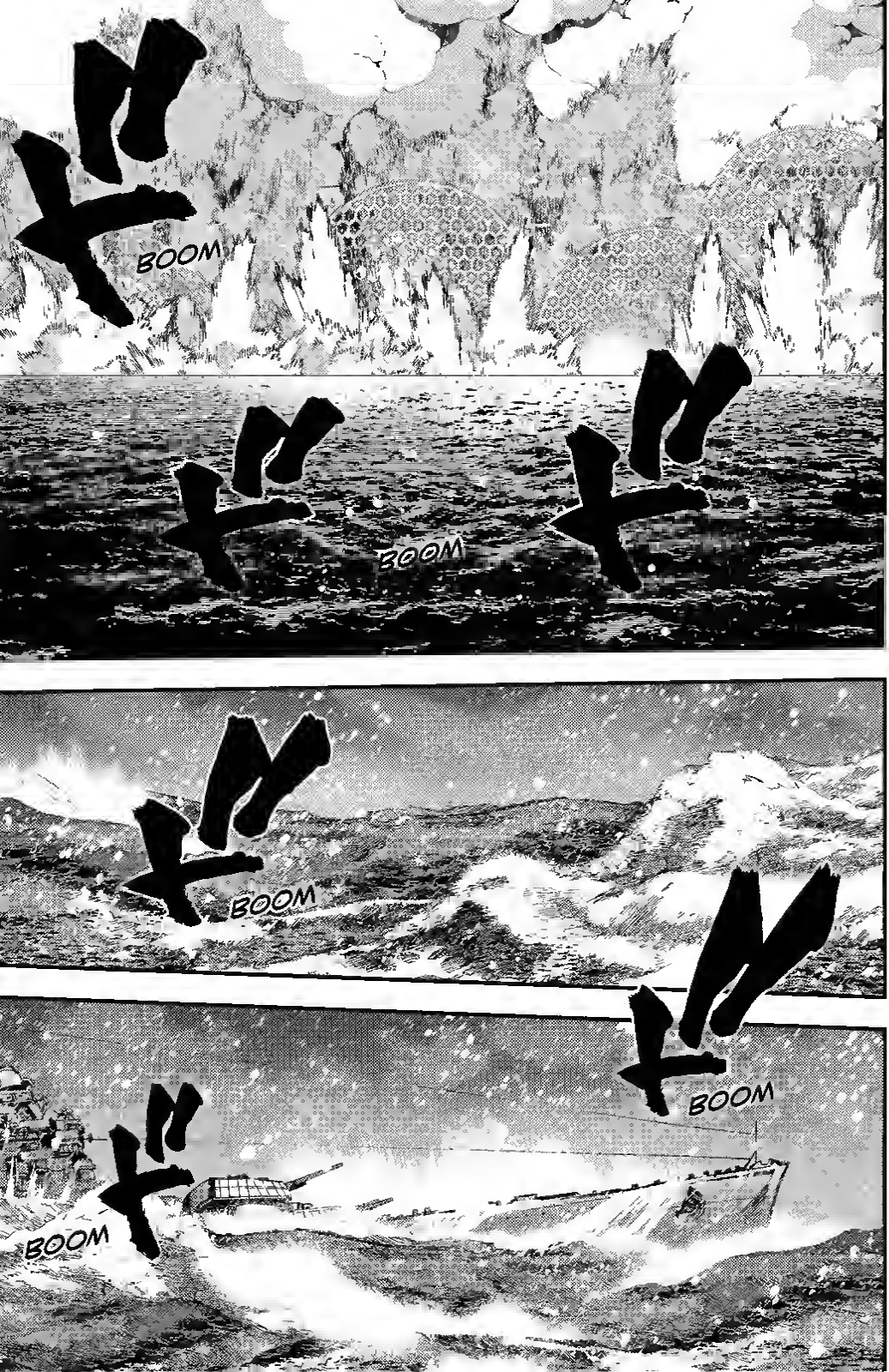
THROOOM


FIRE THE ULTRA-HIGH PRESSURE WARHEADS!
FWOOSH
WOOSH
THOOM


ZRRRM
THOOM
FWOOSH

KREEE

SHUT DOWN THE ENGINE!
LAUNCH OUR DECOYS!
ZMM
KLEIN FIELD ACTIVE.
A HIT TO OUR STERN!
ZMM
ZMM
FIRING ACOUSTIC TORPE-DOES!
KREEE
ZHMM


BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM

BOOM
THAT'S...
THE SHIP WHO KIDNAPPED SISTER TAKAO.
...THE 401!
THAT NAUGHTY GIRL!

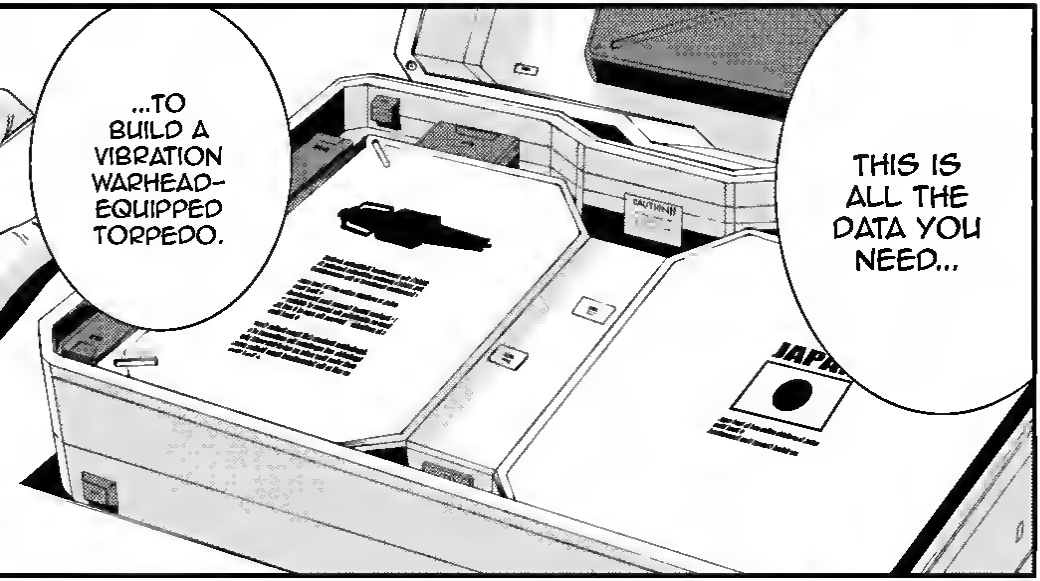
PREPARING FOR RENDEZ-VOUS. ENGINES TO MINIMUM SPEED.
OKAY, PREPARE FOR RENDEZ-VOUS.
THE SIGNAL CAME FROM THE MATSU-SHIMA.
CLICK
CLANG
CLANG
PSHOOM

WELCOME TO THE HAKUGEI.
THANK YOU.
TAK
TAK
TAK
TAK
I'VE BROUGHT...
...WHAT YOU ASKED FOR.
TAK
BEEP
VRRR
TUNK

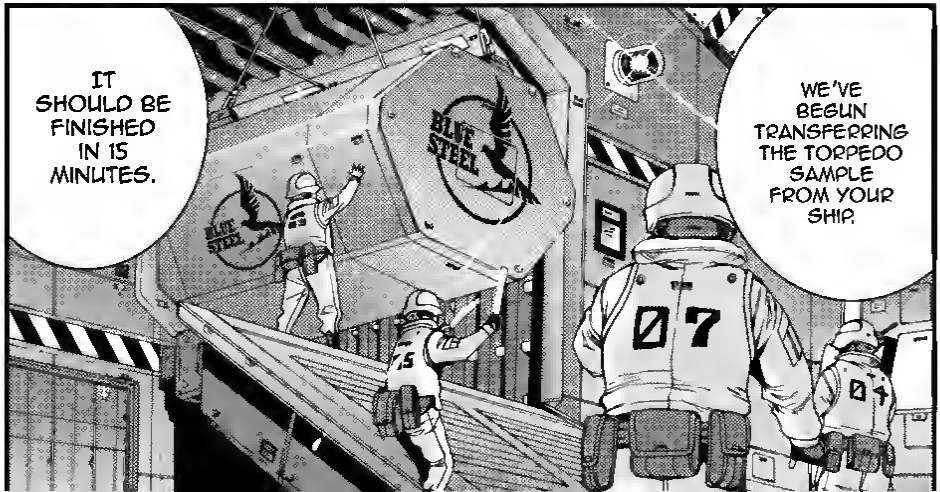
THIS IS...
CLAK
ガチャ
ALL THE DATA YOU NEED...
...TO BUILD A VIBRATION WARHEAD-EQUIPPED TORPEDO.
THANK YOU.
WE'VE BEGUN TRANSFERRING THE TORPEDO SAMPLE FROM YOUR SHIP.
WE SHOULD BE FINISHED IN 15 MINUTES.

NOW THE VIBRATION WARHEAD AND ITS DATA...
...HAVE BEEN ENTRUSTED TO YOUR SHIP.

GHWOOOM
GULP


...TO BUILD A VIBRATION WARHEAD-EQUIPPED TORPEDO.
THIS IS ALL THE DATA YOU NEED...

THANK YOU.
...


IT SHOULD BE FINISHED IN 15 MINUTES.
WE'VE BEGUN TRANSFERRING THE TORPEDO SAMPLE FROM YOUR SHIP.
BLUE STEEL
07

NOW THE VIBRATION WARHEAD AND ITS DATA...
... HAVE BEEN ENTRUSTED TO YOUR SHIP.
TO BE HONEST...
I'M NOT SURE WE'RE UP TO THE JOB.
THOUGH IT FEELS PATHETIC TO SAY IT.

AND YOU INTERFERED IN AN INTERNAL BATTLE BETWEEN THE FOG TOO, DIDN'T YOU?
THAT'S A BIG DEAL.
THE HAKUGEI MADE IT THIS FAR.
IN MY MIND...
...WE MUST OPEN NEW LINES OF COMMUNICATION WITH THE FOG.
THOUGH I SUPPOSE I'M NOT EXACTLY YOUNG ANYMORE.
THE EXCESSES OF YOUTH...
...YOU'RE ESSENTIALLY RISKING YOUR LIFE.
OF COURSE, WHENEVER YOU'RE AROUND THEM...

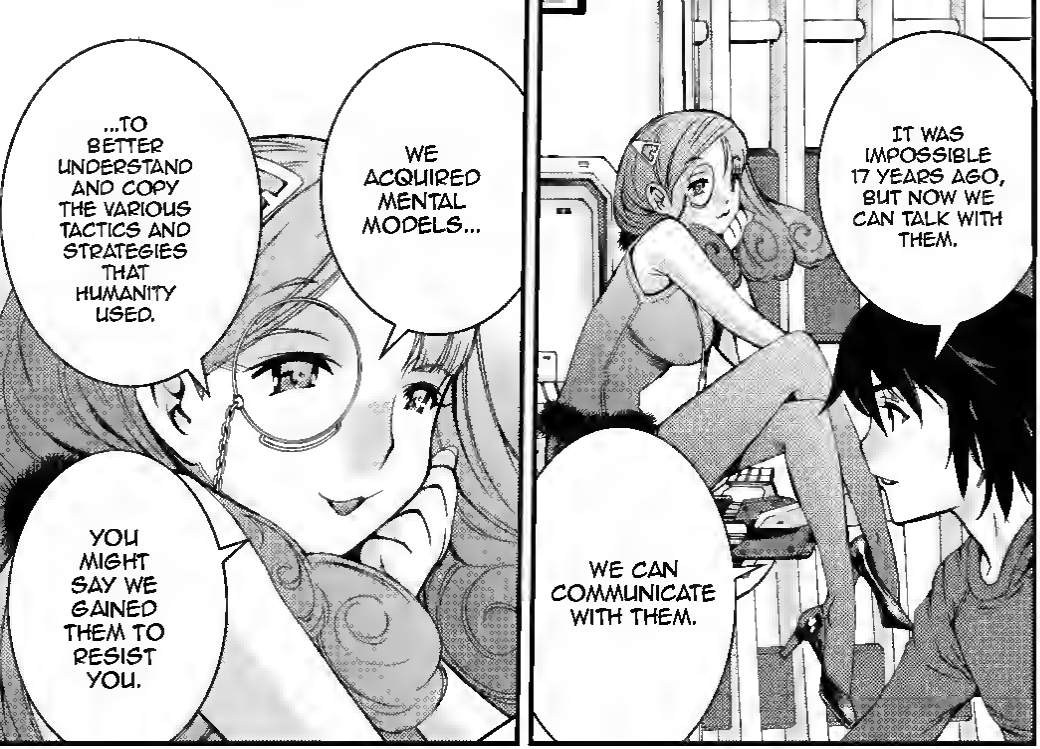
CAPTAIN CHIHAYA.
MAY I ASK YOU HOW YOU SEE THINGS PLAYING OUT..
...AFTER WE OELIVER THE VIBRATION WARHEAD?

...

I CAN SAY WITHOUT A DOUBT...
...THAT I'VE ALWAYS HAD THE RESOLVE NECESSARY TO DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO DEFEAT THE FOG SOMEDAY.
I'M ASHAMED TO SAY IT, BUT I'VE SPENT MY WHOLE LIFE AS A SAILOR.

...CAPTAIN.
THAT'S SOMETHING I'D BE INTERESTED TO HEAR, TOO...
CLUTCH
I CAN'T SEE WHAT HAPPENS BEYOND THAT.
BUT FOR A MAN LIKE ME, THAT'S ALL I CAN DO.
I'LL DELIVER THE VIBRATION WARHEAD FOR MASS PRODUC-TION...
...TO GIVE HUMANITY AN EQUAL FOOTING WITH THE FOG.
AND THEN I'LL TRY AND FIND A WAY FOR HUMANITY AND THE FOG TO CO-EXIST.

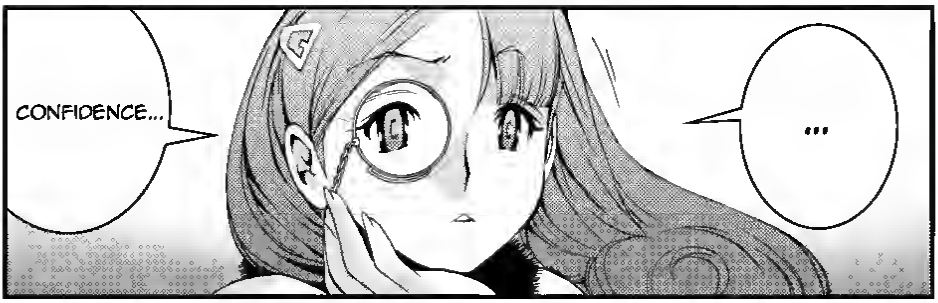
...IF HUMANITY IS CAPABLE OF THAT...
I DON'T KNOW...
PLEASE CONTINUE.
MY APOLOGIES.
LUCKY FOR US, THEY HAVE MENTAL MODELS NOW.
THE POWER BALANCE BETWEEN HUMANITY AND THE FOG IS TILTED IN ONE DIRECTION.
I'LL EVEN IT OUT, AND THEN BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE FOG.


IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE 17 YEARS AGO, BUT NOW WE CAN TALK WITH THEM.
WE CAN COMMUNICATE WITH THEM.
WE ACQUIRED MENTAL MODELS...
...TO BETTER UNDERSTAND AND COPY THE VARIOUS TACTICS AND STRATEGIES THAT HUMANITY USED.
YOU MIGHT SAY WE GAINED THEM TO RESIST YOU.

BUT IT MEANS YOU CAN UNDER-STAND HUMANITY AS WELL...
...ISN'T THAT RIGHT?
WE WERE UTTERLY DESTROYED BY THE FOG...
...AND YOU STILL CONTINUE TO MAKE US SUFFER
SO EVEN IF THE FOG WERE TO REACH OUT TO US, WE WOULDN'T TRUST THEM.

IF AN UNEQUAL OPPONENT REACHES OUT...
...HUMANITY CAN'T TRUST THEM, BECAUSE IF WE'RE BETRAYED, WE HAVE NO MEANS OF FIGHTING BACK.
THAT'S THE PERFECT BREEDING GROUND FOR SUSPICION.
IN ORDER TO TRUST YOU...
...WE NEED POWER.
I GUESS...
...WE'RE NOT SAINTS, IS WHAT YOU'RE SAYING.
YOU NEED A GUARANTEE.
A GUARANTEE BACKED UP BY SOMETHING.

HUMANS CALL THAT...
..."SELF-CONFIDENCE."


CONFIDENCE...
...

I THINK IF WE CAN GAIN THAT, WE'LL BE ABLE TO FIND A WAY TO CO-EXIST WITH THEM.
WE NEED CONFIDENCE IN OUR-SELVES.
CONFIDENCE THAT WE'RE EQUAL WITH THE FOG.

IT MAY TAKE A LONG TIME.
AND THE FIRST STEP...
...IS THAT WE NEED TO GET OUR-SELVES INTO THE SAME SPHERE AS THE FOG.
...
CLICK
AAH!
WHAT'S WRONG?
THE 401'S TAKEN A HIT. SISTER... SHE'S BEEN ATTACKED BY KONGOU.

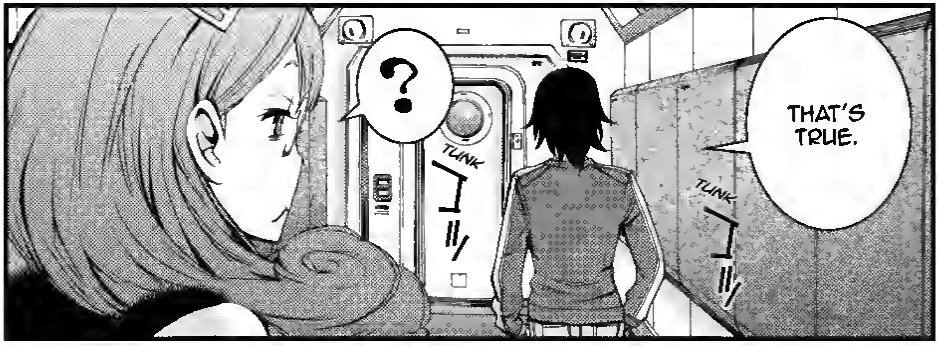
IT'LL BE DONE IN ABOUT FIVE MINUTES.
HOW IS THE TRANSFER OF THE VIBRATION WARHEAD GOING?
THEN WE'LL HEAD BACK TO OUR SHIP AND PREPARE TO DEPART.
I SEE.
THAT'S CRAZY...
LET'S BOTH LIVE...
LET'S SEE THE FUTURE TOGETHER.
...TO SEE THE FUTURE OF HUMANITY AND THE FOG.
CAPTAIN CHIHAYA

YES.
HMM?
I GET IT NOW.
HEY, CAPTAIN.
...
I ALWAYS FELT LIKE I WAS MISSING SOMETHING.

I LOST MY SELF-CONFIDENCE.
I LOST MY SELF-CONFIDENCE WHEN YOU SUNK ME.
THAT'S WHY I OBEYED WHAT YOU SAID.

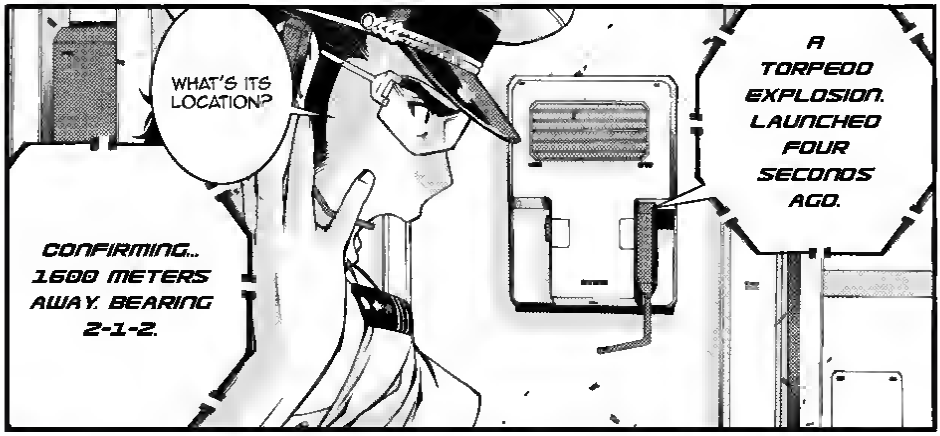
YOU'RE RIGHT.
KLAT
BEEP BEEP
EVEN IF YOU LOSE IT...
...AS LONG AS YOU DON'T GIVE UP, YOU CAN TAKE IT BACK SOMEDAY.

I'VE REALIZED THAT HELPING SOMEBODY ELSE...
...CAN BE GOOD FOR THAT.
HMMM

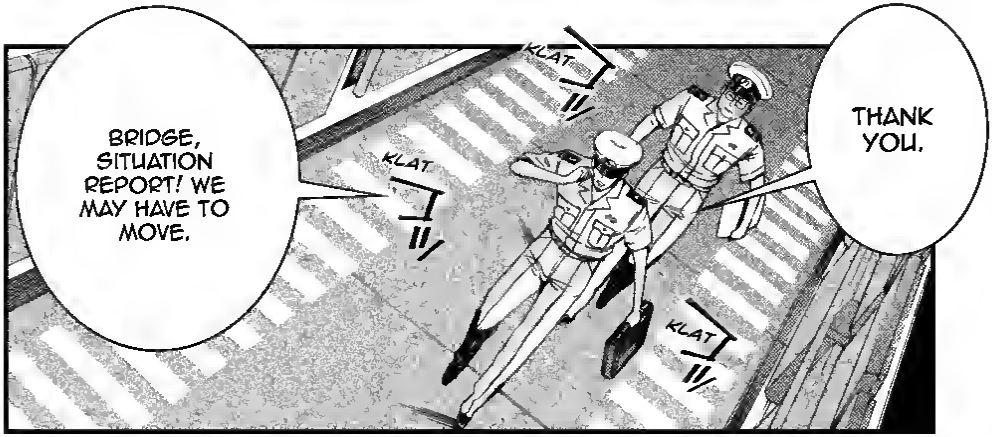

?
CLUNK
THAT'S TRUE.
CLUNK

WHAT IS IT?
BEEP
BEEP

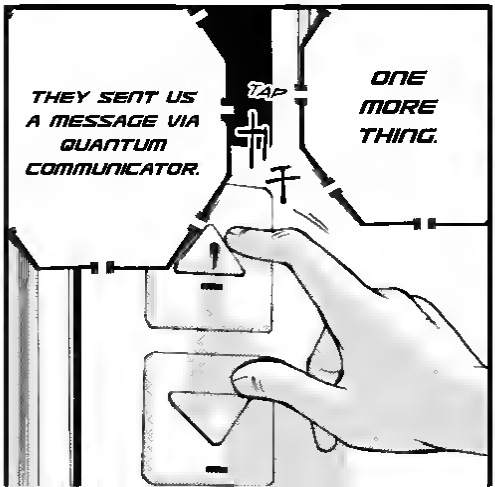
THROOM
THROOM


A TORPEDO EXPLOSION. LAUNCHED FOUR SECONDS AGO.
WHAT'S ITS LOCATION?
CONFIRMING... 1600 METERS AWAY. BEARING 2-1-2.

THIS IS KOMAKI. CAPTAIN CHIHAYA, PLEASE DELAY YOUR DEPARTURE.
ROGER.
HYUUGA IS MONITORING THE SITUATION.
WE'LL LET YOU MAKE THE DECISIONS HERE.


BRIDGE, SITUATION REPORT! WE MAY HAVE TO MOVE.
KLAT
KLAT
KLAT
THANK YOU.

WE HAVE CONFIRMATION ON THE SHIP'S TYPE.
IT'S A FOG DESTROYER.


THEY SENT US A MESSAGE VIA QUANTUM COMMUNICATOR.
TAP
ONE MORE THING.

...

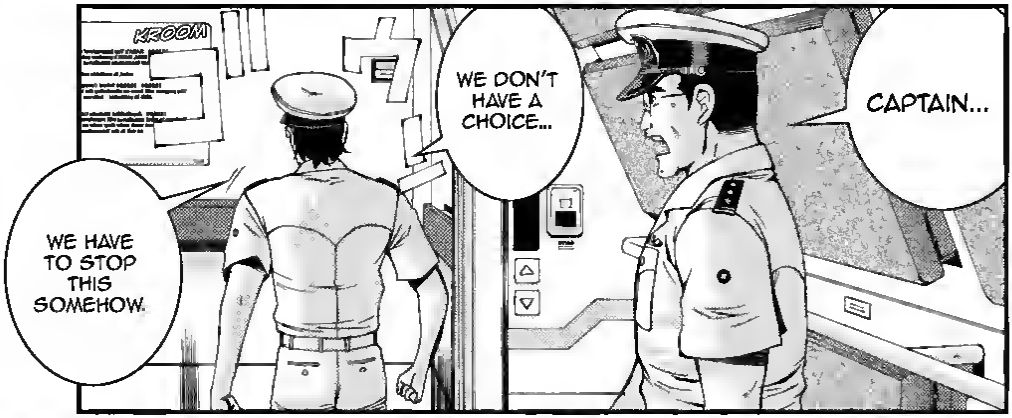
YES, SIR.
A MESSAGE? READ IT.
PLEASE. THIS IS THE EASTERN FLEET DESTROYER VAMPIRE.
I KNOW YOU'RE THERE. KINDLY GIVE UP AND MAKE CONTACT WITH MY SHIP.
...DOESN'T THAT MEAN IT DOESN'T KNOW WHERE WE ARE?
IF IT'S REPEATING THE MESSAGE...
THROOOM
IT'S REPEATING THIS MESSAGE.

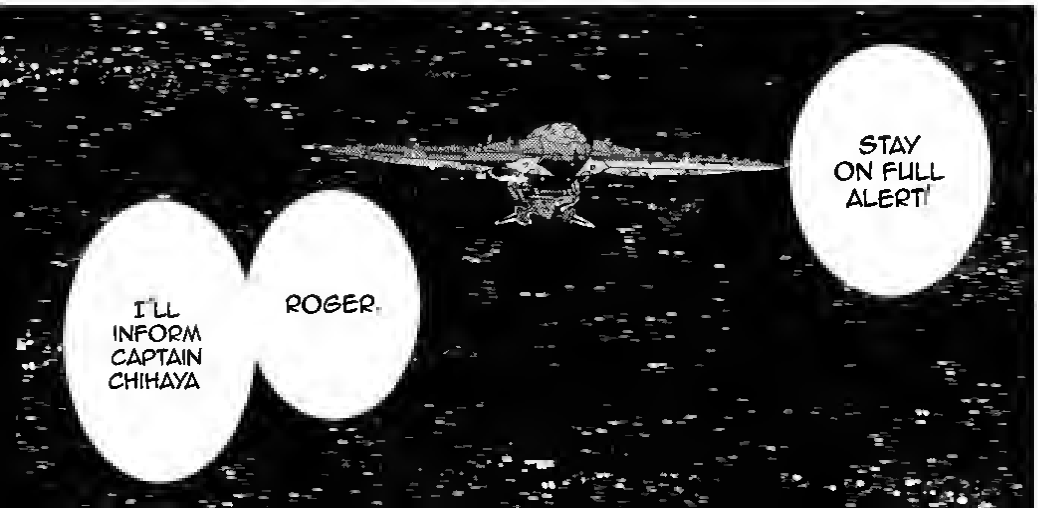
I DON'T KNOW.
EITHER WAY, IT'S A NUISANCE.
...HOPING TO FIND US BY THE ECHO?
ARE THEY CAUSING THE TORPEDOES TO SELF-DESTRUCT...

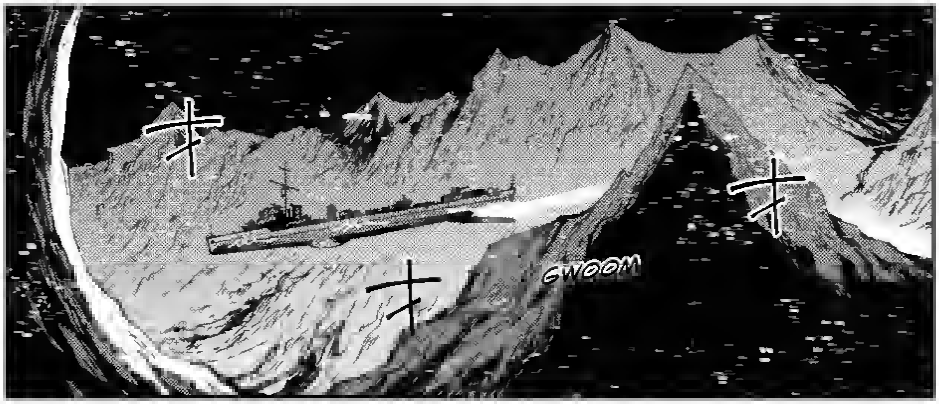
WHO KNOWS WHAT'LL HAPPEN IF THEY TAKE AN INTEREST IN THIS.
THE FIRST FLEET WILL BE PASSING BY US SOON.

YES, SIR!
BRIDGE, SEND A MESSAGE TO THE VAMPIRE.

"WE INVITE YOU..."
"...TO COME ABOARD OUR SHIP."


KROOM
CAPTAIN...
WE DON'T HAVE A CHOICE...
WE HAVE TO STOP THIS SOMEHOW.


STAY ON FULL ALERT!
ROGER.
I'LL INFORM CAPTAIN CHIHAYA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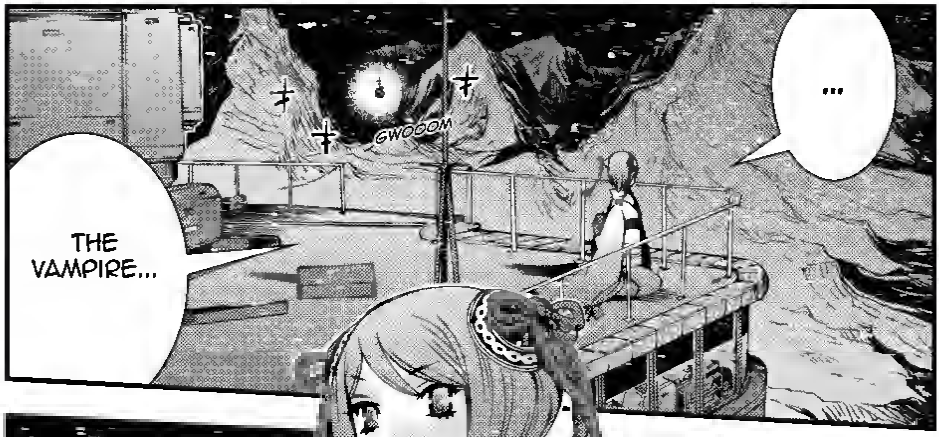
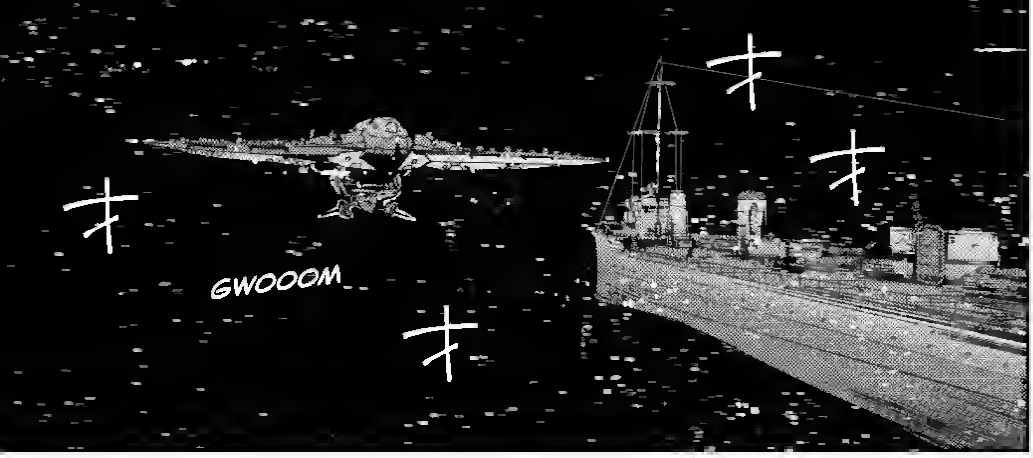

GWOOM
...
THE VAMPIRE...

WHY?
AN EASTERN FLEET DESTROYER?
SHING
SHING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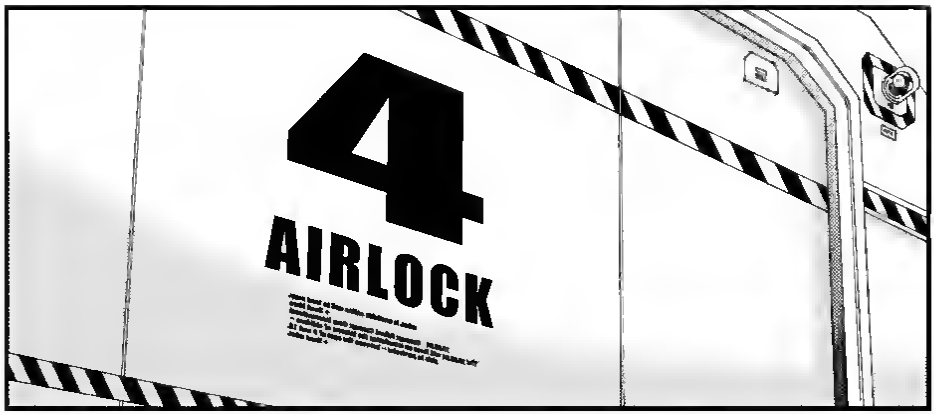
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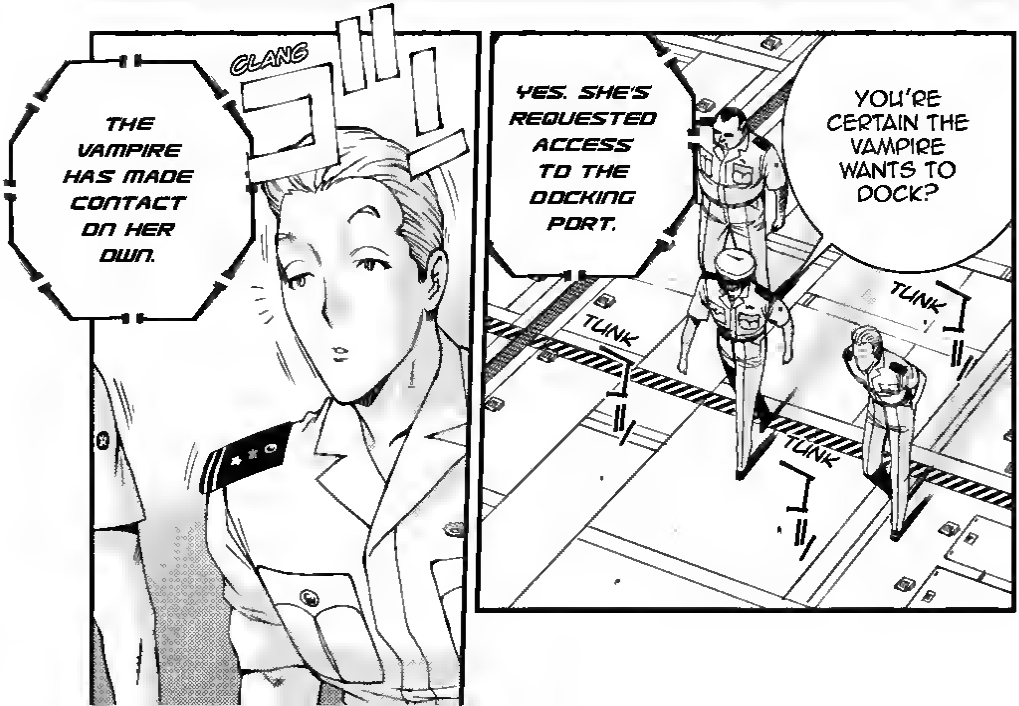
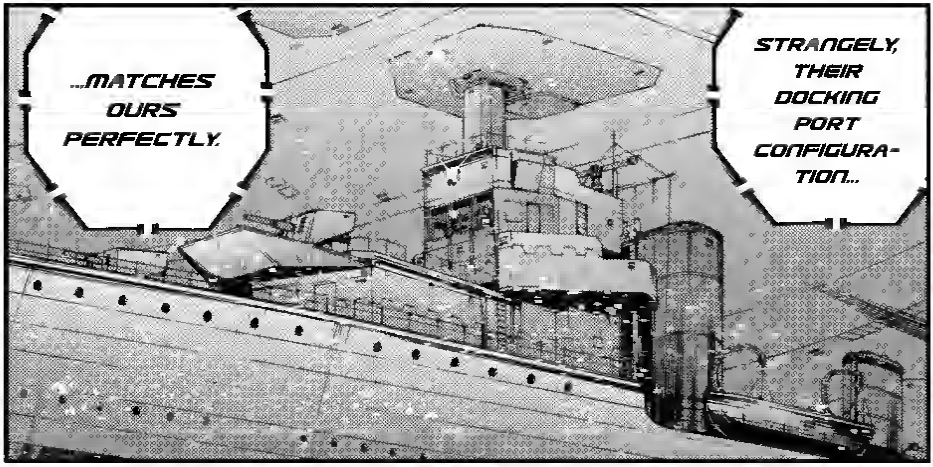
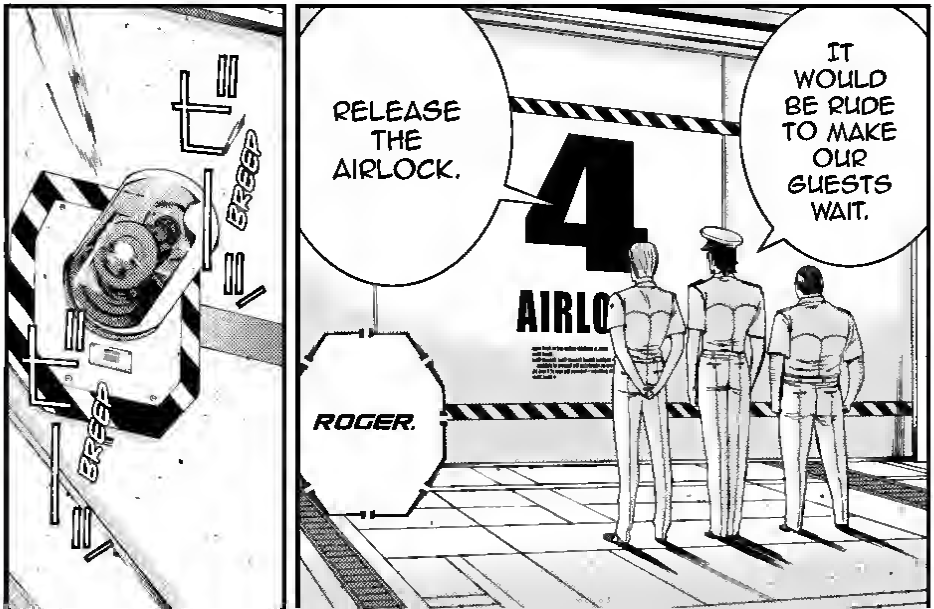
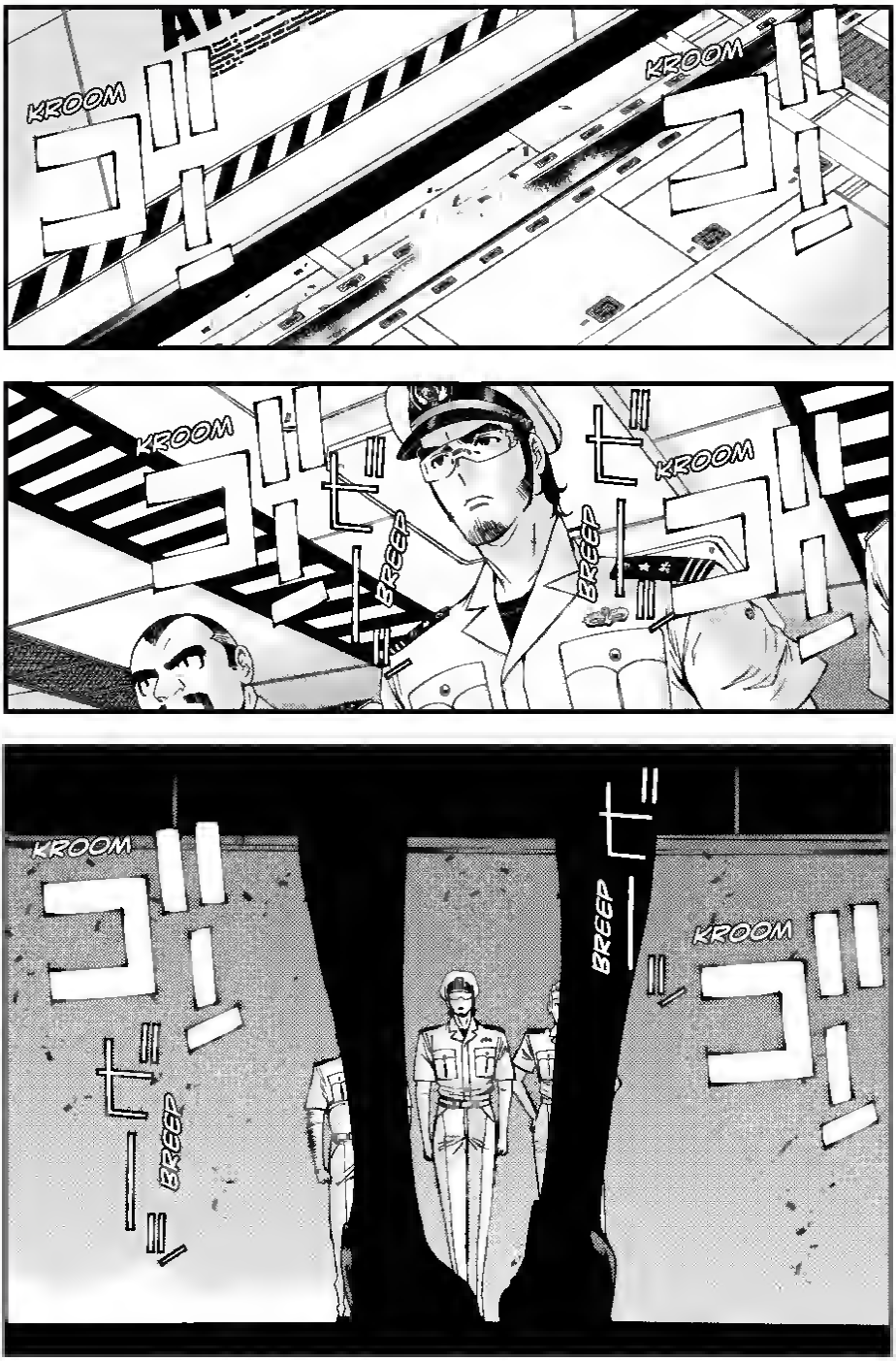
AIRLOCK


CLANG
THE VAMPIRE HAS MADE CONTACT ON HER OWN.
YES. SHE'S REQUESTED ACCESS TO THE DOCKING PORT.
YOU'RE CERTAIN THE VAMPIRE WANTS TO DOCK?
TUNK
TUNK
TUNK
TUNK


...MATCHES OURS PERFECTLY.
STRANGELY, THEIR DOCKING PORT CONFIGURATION...

ISN'T THAT HOW THIS NANO-MATERIAL STUFF WORKS?
KRRK
THEY PROBABLY TOOK SOME DATA FROM OURS AND USED IT TO MAKE THEIR OWN.


BREEP
BREEP
RELEASE THE AIRLOCK.
4
AIRLO
ROGER.
IT WOULD BE RUDE TO MAKE OUR GUESTS WAIT.


KROOM
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TUNK
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TUNK

GREETINGS, GENTLEMEN.
THE FAR EAST FLEET DESTROYER "VAMPIRE"...
...IS VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR INVITATION.

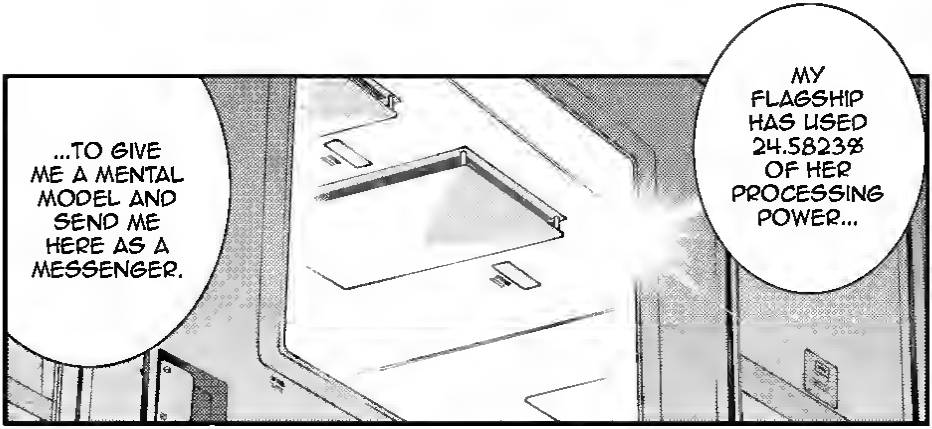
I REQUEST PERMISSION TO COME ABOARD, CAPTAIN.
HEY, NOW.
WELL, WOULD YOU LOOK AT THAT...

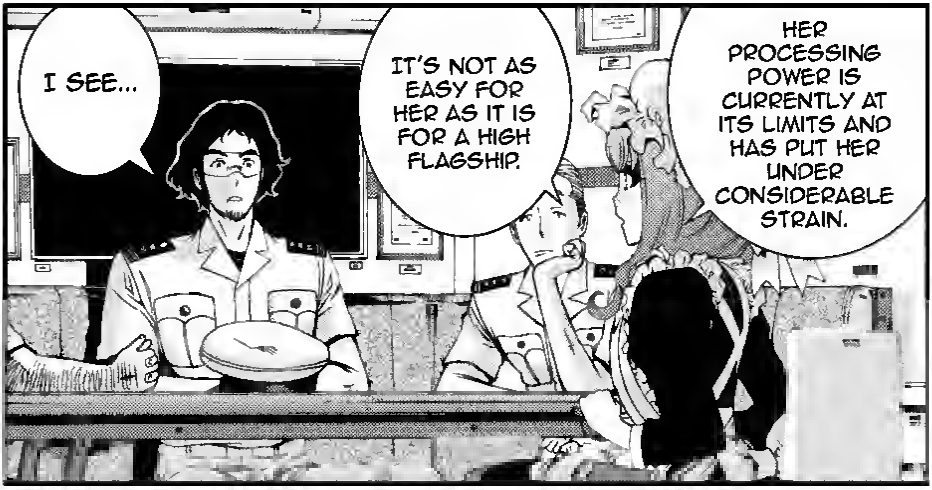
...THE CAPTAIN.
YOU ARE...
SWISH

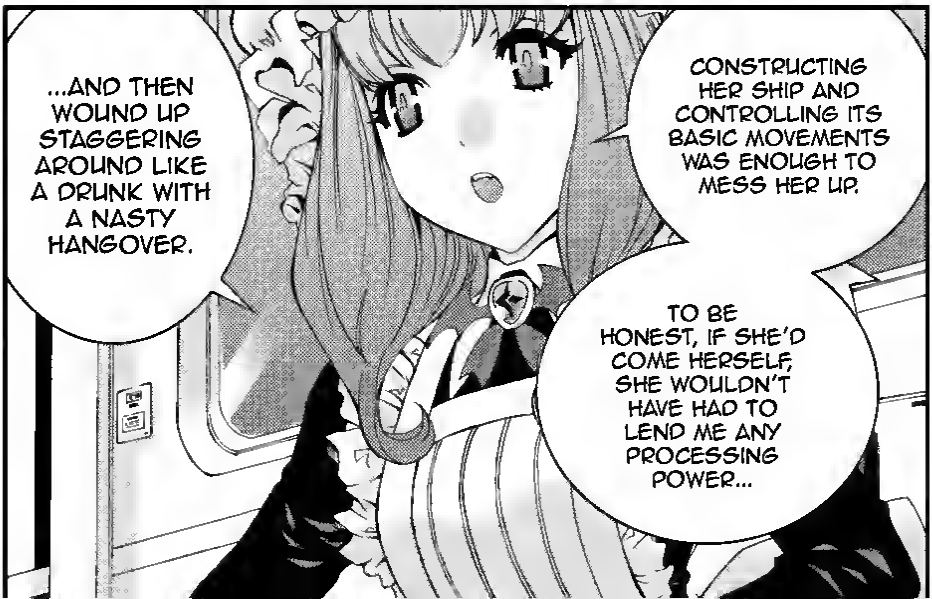
WELCOME. I AM KOMAKI, THE CAPTAIN.
OKAY... PERMISSION GRANTED.

!!
!
WHIP
FLASH
...ANY-THING WILL EVER SURPRISE ME AFTER ALL THIS.
I DON'T THINK...
...
FLASH
FLASH
FLASH
FLASH

I APOLO-GIZE.
I MUST REPORT TO MY MASTER.
HUH...
AND UM... WHO IS YOUR MASTER?
THE FAR EAST FLEET BATTLE-CRUISER REPULSE.
SHE IS PRESENTLY THE FLAGSHIP OF MY FLEET.
...
I SEE.


...TO GIVE ME A MENTAL MODEL AND SEND ME HERE AS A MESSENGER.
MY FLAGSHIP HAS USED 24.5823% OF HER PROCESSING POWER...


I SEE...
IT'S NOT AS EASY FOR HER AS IT IS FOR A HIGH FLAGSHIP.
HER PROCESSING POWER IS CURRENTLY AT ITS LIMITS AND HAS PUT HER UNDER CONSIDERABLE STRAIN.


...AND THEN WOUND UP STAGGERING AROUND LIKE A DRUNK WITH A NASTY HANGOVER.
CONSTRUCTING HER SHIP AND CONTROLLING ITS BASIC MOVEMENTS WAS ENOUGH TO MESS HER UP.
TO BE HONEST, IF SHE'D COME HERSELF, SHE WOULDN'T HAVE HAD TO LEND ME ANY PROCESSING POWER...

IS THAT SO?
SHE GOT WHAT SHE DESERVES, DON'T YOU THINK?
WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO THAT WOMAN?
SHE POSSESSES THE POWER TO WIPE OUT YOUR ENTIRE FLEET ON HER OWN,
AND YET THE DUMB BITCH SAYS SHE'S SCARED TO MEET YOU.
OH.
DUMB BITCH" WAS RUDE, WASN'T IT?
I'M SORRY.
I AM ASHAMED.
I APOLO-GIZE AND RETRACT MY STATE-MENT.
NO... DON'T LET IT BOTHER YOU...

YOU ARE A BROAD-MINDED AND TOLERANT MAN, CAPTAIN...
...TO ACCEPT MY APOLOGY SO READILY.
IT'S NOTHING.

AND SO I WOULD LIKE TO CONFIRM SOMETHING.
THE EVENT THAT OCCURRED 18 HOURS, 42 MINUTES, AND 18 SECONDS AGO...
OH, YOU MEAN WHEN WE INTERVENED IN YOUR BATTLE?

SO THAT WAS INDEED...
...AN INTERVENTION, THEN?

...

...TO ALLOW ME AND REPULSE TO ESCAPE?
YOU DID THAT...
SHOULD WE NOT HAVE?
YES, WELL...
...TO TAKE IT THAT WAY.
YOU'RE CERTAINLY FREE...

WE ARE VERY IMPRESSED!
THAT WAS THE COOLEST INTERVENTION EVER!
THUMBS UP.
THANK YOU?
UM...
...A FORM...
WHAT WAS IT AGAIN?
A FIRM LEADER? FORMED LADDER?
CRINKLE
CRINKLE
...THEN I HAVE...
IF THAT'S THE CASE...
SKRUT
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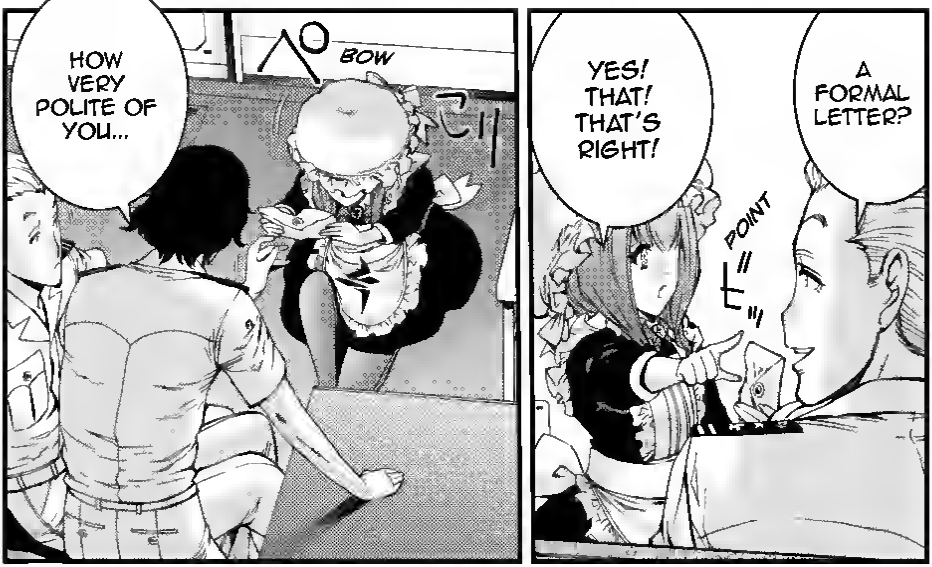
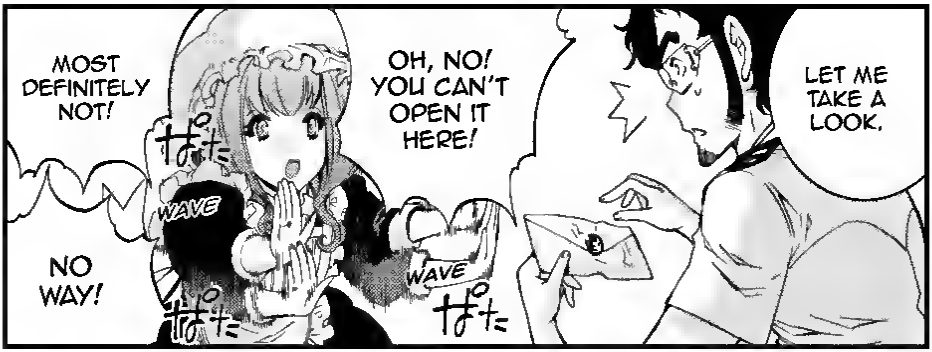
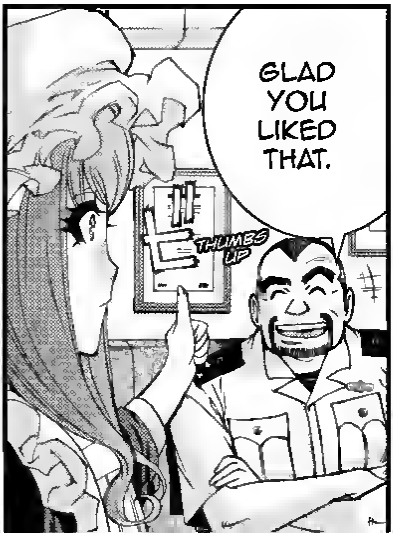

HOW VERY POLITE OF YOU...
BOW
A FORMAL LETTER?
POINT
YES! THAT! THAT'S RIGHT!


LET ME TAKE A LOOK.
OH, NO! YOU CAN'T OPEN IT HERE!
WAVE
WAVE
MOST DEFINITELY NOT!
NO WAY!


GLAD YOU LIKED THAT.
THUMBS UP

WELL, FORMAL LETTERS ARE NORMALLY WRITTEN PRIVATELY TO AN INDIVIDUAL.
THAT'S RIGHT! GOOD POINT! NICE WORK, MISTER!

UNDER-STOOD. THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THIS MESSAGE.
"THANK YOU"?
THAT'S WHAT YOU SAY WHEN SOMEONE DID A GOOD JOB, RIGHT?
TUNK
TUNK
...
I'LL BE ON MY WAY THEN.
WOOSH
NOD
NOD
I SEE...
ARE YOU SAYING THAT I AM WORTHY OF BEING THANKED THEN?
IS THAT RIGHT, CAPTAIN?
YES, I SUPPOSE..
THIS IS A VERY COOL SHIP.
TUNK
TUNK
GOOD.
ALMOST THE BEST.

UM...
NO WAIT, THAT'S A GREETING.
OKAY THEN, EVERYONE. HELLO...
GOOD DAY.
KROOM
BEEP
KROOM
BEEP

KROOM
MAY WE MEET AGAIN SOON.
KROOM
KROOM
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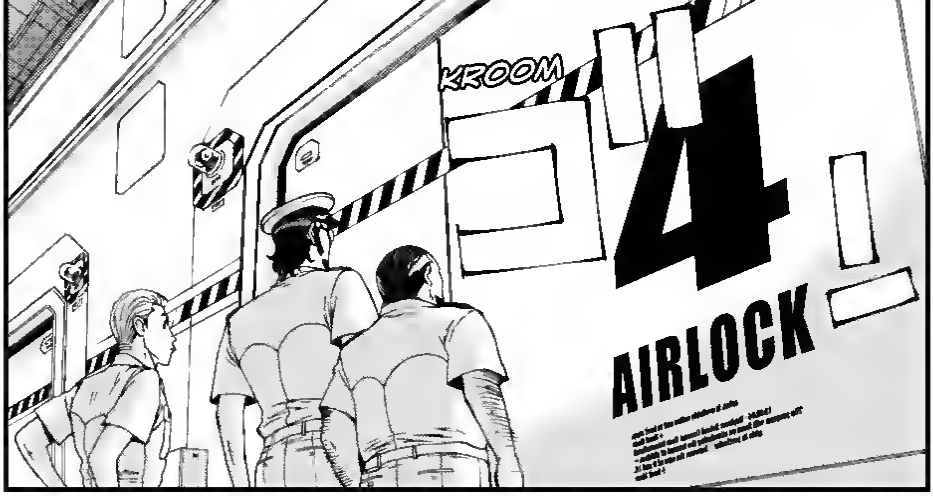
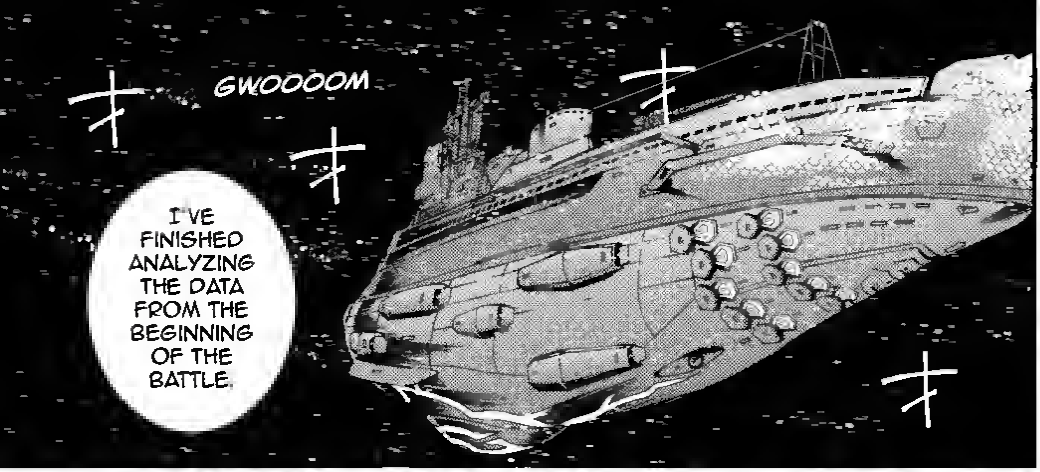
KROOM
KROOM

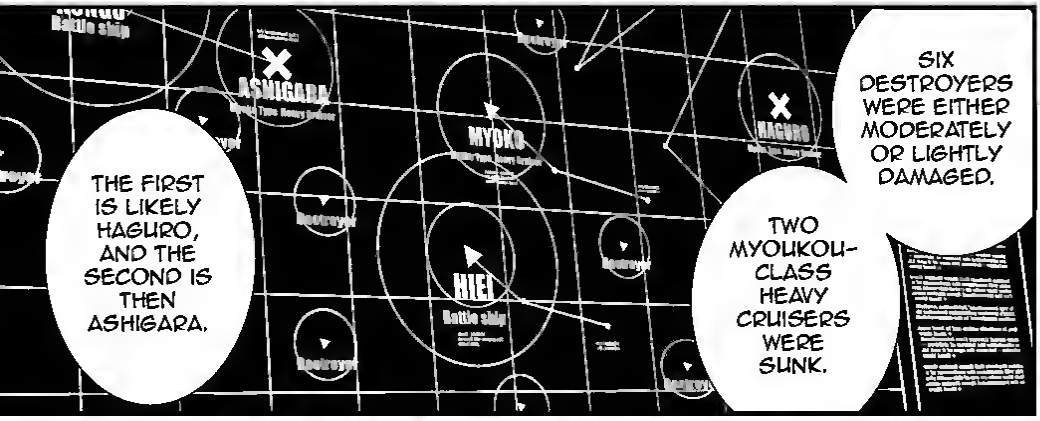

KROOM
AIRLOCK

MAY WE...
MEET AGAIN SOON?
TUNK
TUNK

CHIHAYA, WHAT YOUR SON'S BEEN SAYING...
...MAY WELL COME TRUE EVEN FASTER THAN WE THOUGHT.
TUNK
TUNK
SO...
NOW WHAT WILL YOU DO?

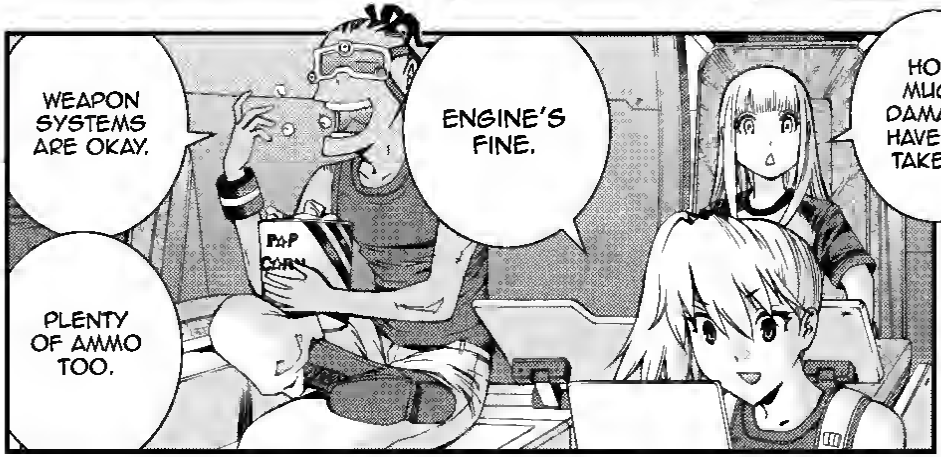
GWOOOM
OH, DRAT.
I FORGOT TO ASK THE CAPTAIN'S FIRST NAME.
WELL, I SUPPOSE THAT'S ALL YOU CAN DO...
...WITH A DESTROYER'S MEMORY CAPACITY.

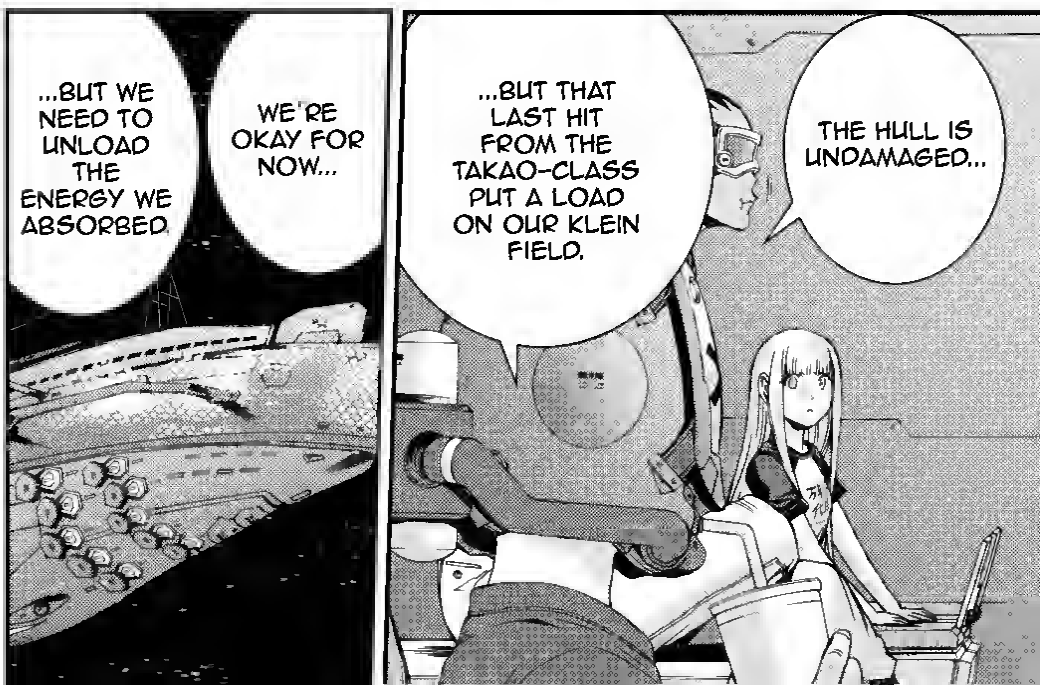

GWOOOOM
I'VE FINISHED ANALYZING THE DATA FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE BATTLE.

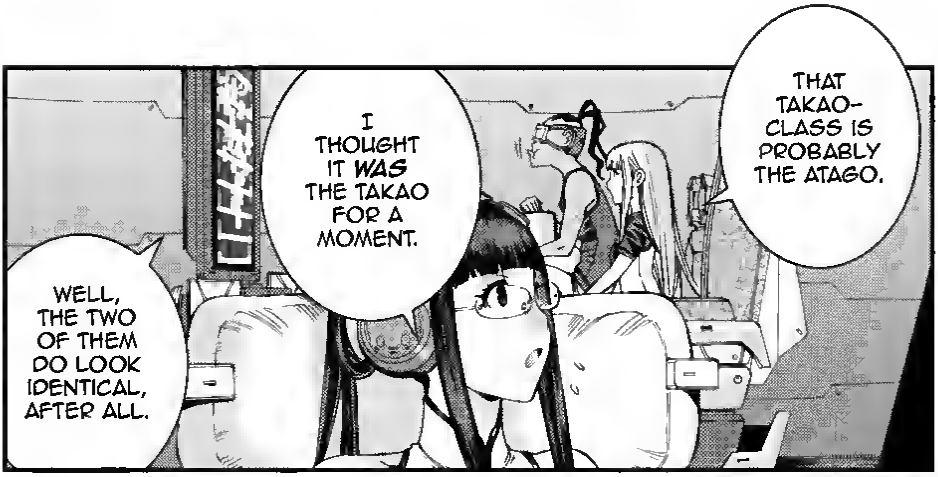

ASHIGARA
MYOKO
HAGURO
HIEI
Battle ship
SIX DESTROYERS WERE EITHER MODERATELY OR LIGHTLY DAMAGED.
TWO MYOUKOU-CLASS HEAVY CRUISERS WERE SUNK.
THE FIRST IS LIKELY HAGURO, AND THE SECOND IS THEN ASHIGARA.

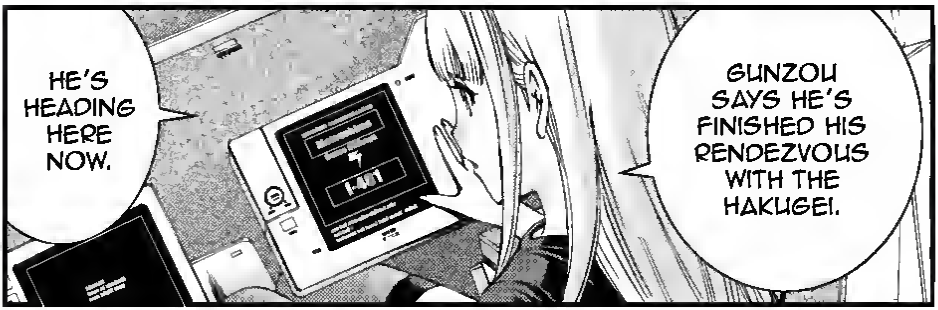
MYOUKOU HERSELF AND ONE TAKAO CLASS ARE STILL UNDAMAGED.
AS IS THE LARGE BATTLESHIP HIEI, AND...

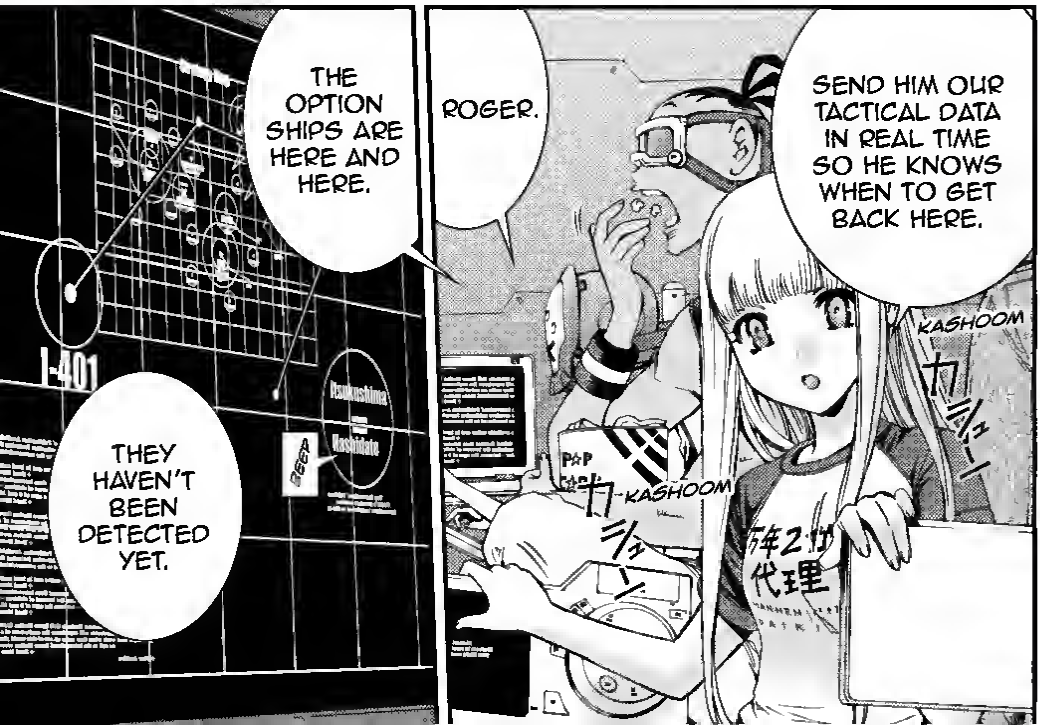
KONGOU
Battle ship
...KONGOU HERSELF.


HOW MUCH DAMAGE HAVE WE TAKEN?
ENGINE'S FINE.
WEAPON SYSTEMS ARE OKAY.
PLENTY OF AMMO TOO.

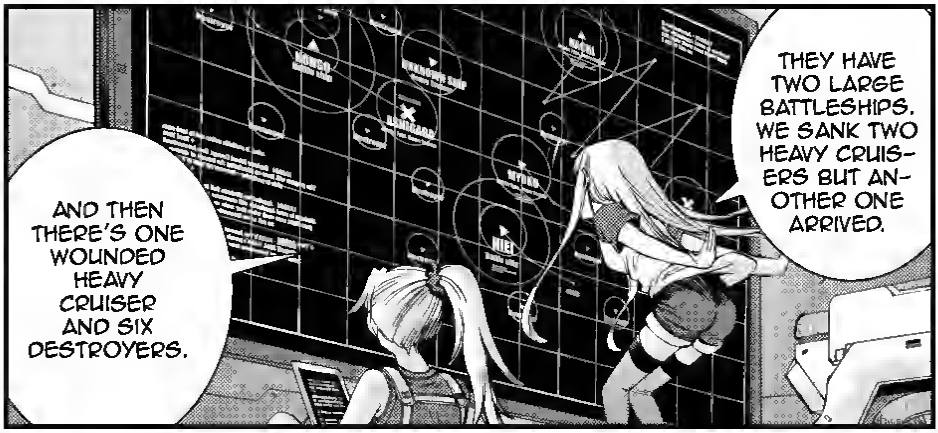

THE HULL IS UNDAMAGED...
...BUT THAT LAST HIT FROM THE TAKAO-CLASS PUT A LOAD ON OUR KLEIN FIELD.
WE'RE OKAY FOR NOW...
...BUT WE NEED TO UNLOAD THE ENERGY WE ABSORBED.

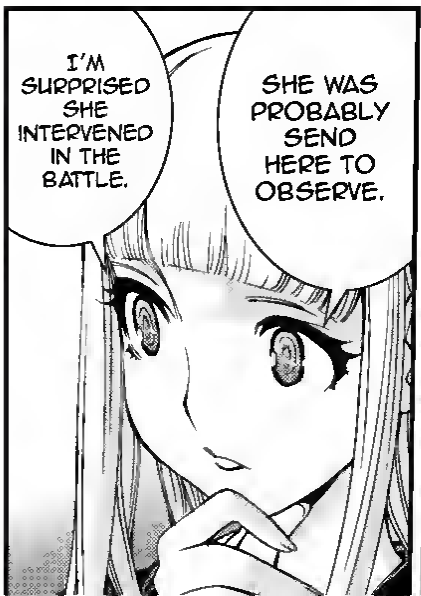

THAT TAKAO-CLASS IS PROBABLY THE ATAGO.
I THOUGHT IT *WAS* THE TAKAO FOR A MOMENT.
WELL, THE TWO OF THEM DO LOOK IDENTICAL, AFTER ALL.


GUNZOU SAYS HE'S FINISHED HIS RENDEZVOUS WITH THE HAKUGEI.
HE'S HEADING HERE NOW.
I-401

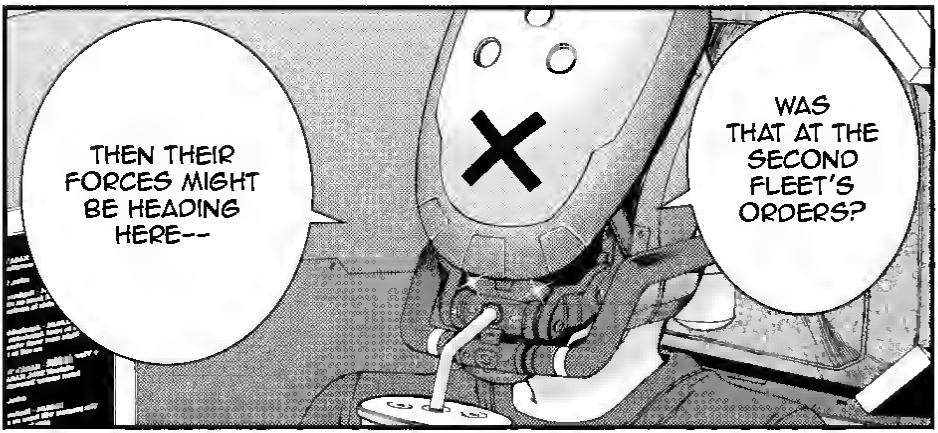

SEND HIM OUR TACTICAL DATA IN REAL TIME SO HE KNOWS WHEN TO GET BACK HERE.
ROGER.
THE OPTION SHIPS ARE HERE AND HERE.
I-401
THEY HAVEN'T BEEN DETECTED YET.
KASHOOM
KASHOOM
代理

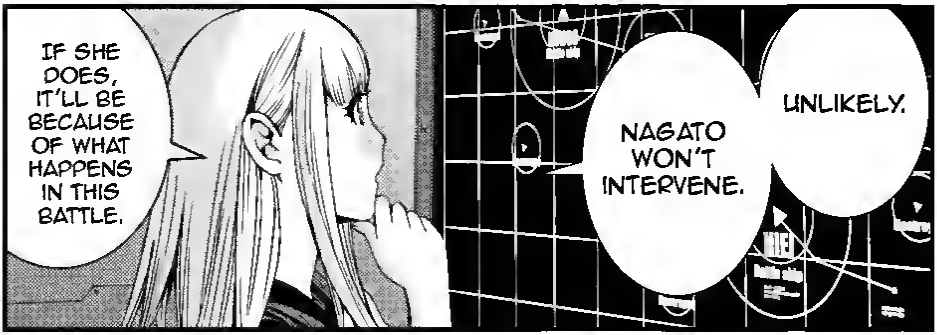
HUP!
LET'S GO OVER THIS AGAIN.
WE'RE FACING A DIFFERENT OPPONENT NOW THAN WE WERE AT THE START.

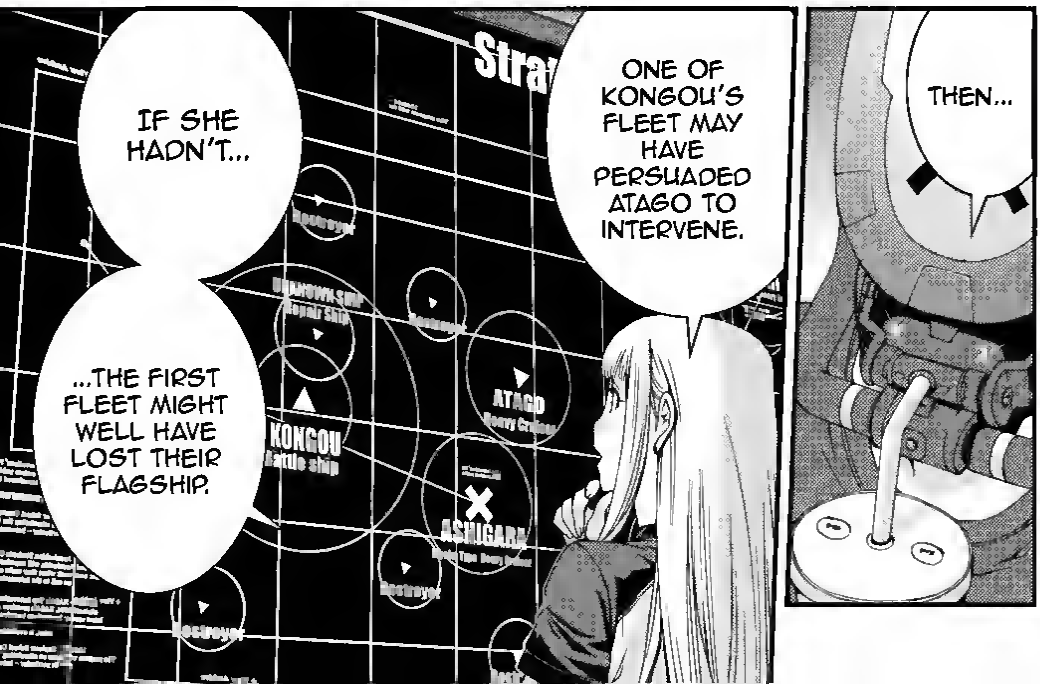

THEY HAVE TWO LARGE BATTLESHIPS. WE SANK TWO HEAVY CRUISERS BUT ANOTHER ONE ARRIVED.
AND THEN THERE'S ONE WOUNDED HEAVY CRUISER AND SIX DESTROYERS.

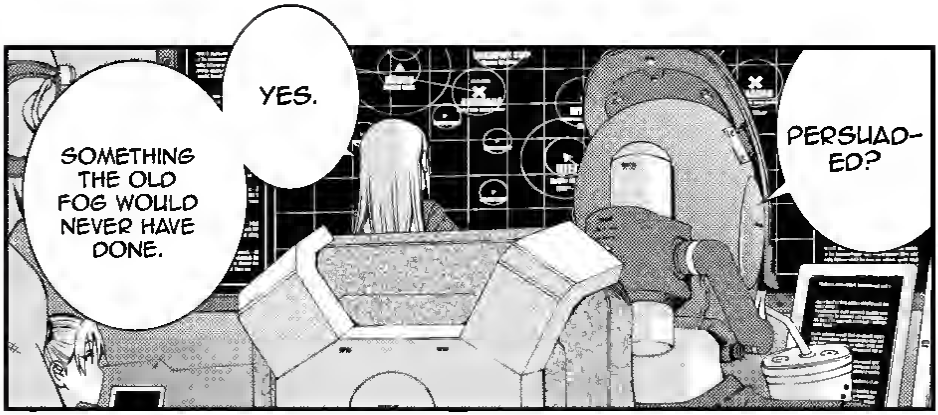

I'M SURPRISED SHE INTERVENED IN THE BATTLE.
SHE WAS PROBABLY SEND HERE TO OBSERVE.

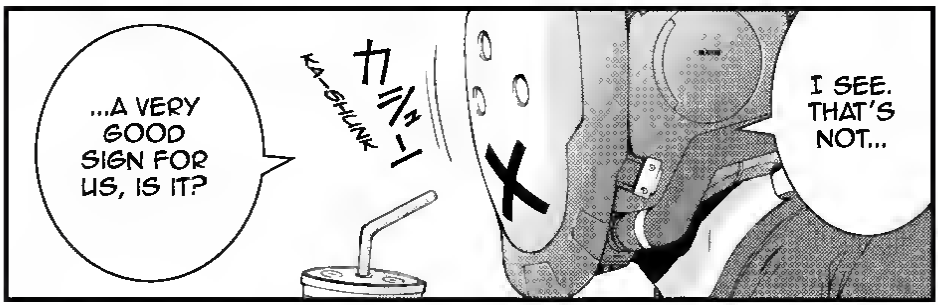
ATAGO IS NORMALLY PART OF NAGATO'S SECOND FLEET.
THE ATAGO'S PRESENCE SURPRISED ME.


WAS THAT AT THE SECOND FLEET'S ORDERS?
THEN THEIR FORCES MIGHT BE HEADING HERE--


UNLIKELY.
NAGATO WON'T INTERVENE.
IF SHE DOES, IT'LL BE BECAUSE OF WHAT HAPPENS IN THIS BATTLE.


ONE OF KONGOU'S FLEET MAY HAVE PERSUADED ATAGO TO INTERVENE.
IF SHE HADN'T...
...THE FIRST FLEET MIGHT WELL HAVE LOST THEIR FLAGSHIP.
THEN...
KONGOU
ATAGO


PERSUADED?
YES.
SOMETHING THE OLD FOG WOULD NEVER HAVE DONE.

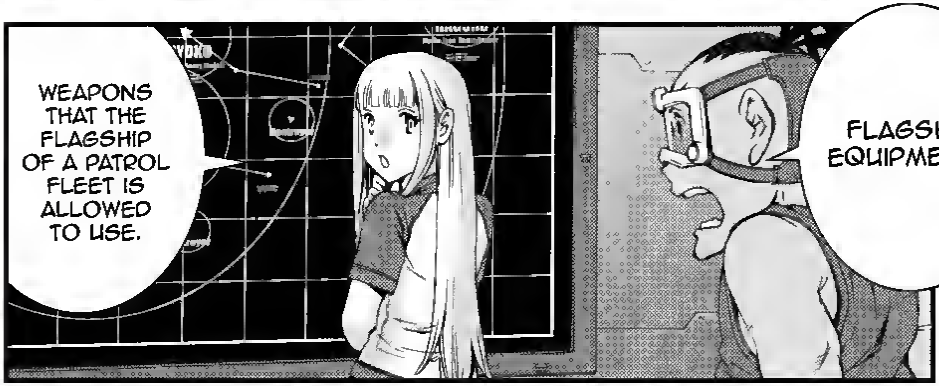

I SEE. THAT'S NOT...
KA-SHUNK
...A VERY GOOD SIGN FOR US, IS IT?

WHAT'S BAD ABOUT THAT?
IT MEANS THAT THEY'VE STARTED LEARNING TO ADAPT.
OH.

YOU'VE GOT SHARP INSTINCTS.
THAT'S WHY YOU'RE THE SHIP'S XO.

ズズズ!?
ZRRRM
ZRRRM
ZRRRM
GRAVITY WAVES?
A POWERFUL GRAVITY WAVE. DISPLAYING SCALE AND EPICENTER.
ZRRRM
HERE'S THE REPORTED VALUES.
ZRRRM
IT'S CENTERED ON THE POINT WHERE KONGOU IS.
ZRRRM

WHAT THE HELL IS THAT?
THE LARGE BATTLESHIP KONGOU'S FLAGSHIP EQUIP-MENT...
...HAS ACTIVATED, APPARENTLY.
ZRRM
ZRRM
ZRRM

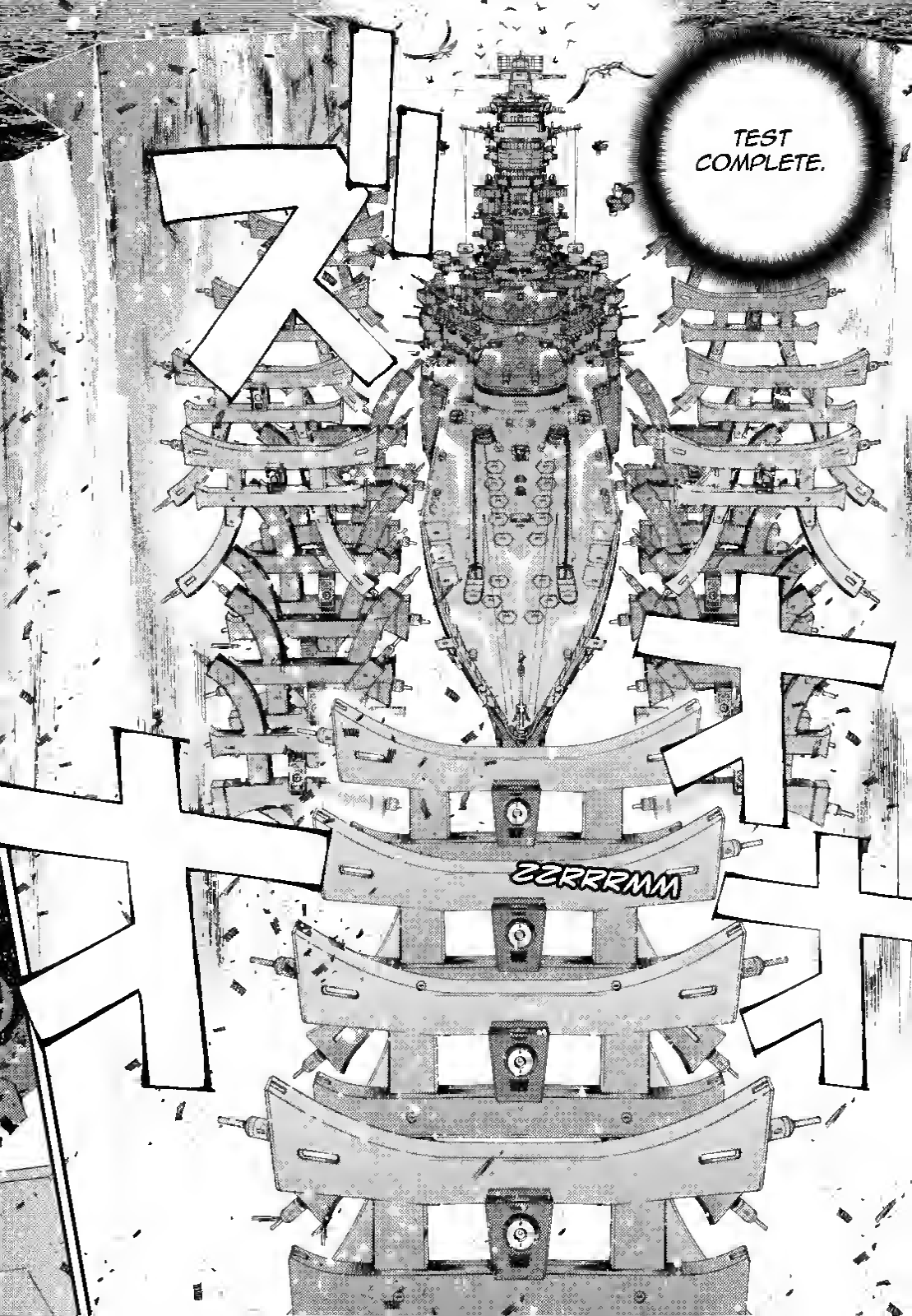

FLAGSHIP EQUIPMENT?
WEAPONS THAT THE FLAGSHIP OF A PATROL FLEET IS ALLOWED TO USE.

THERE ARE A LOT OF THEM. WE WON'T KNOW WHICH SHE USED...
GRAVITY WAVES ARE BEING OUTPUT AT PERIODIC INTERVALS!
...UNTIL WE SEE FOR OUR-SELVES.
UNKNOWN SHIP
Repair Ship
KONGOU
Battle Ship
ZRRM
ZRRM
ZRRM

IF SHE'S BRINGING OUT HER FLAGSHIP EQUIPMENT, THAT MEANS KONGOU IS SERIOUS.
MORE SERIOUS THAN SHE WAS...
...IN THE GREAT NAVAL BATTLE 17 YEARS AGO.
WELL, AIN'T THAT AN HONOR.
WE NEVER FIRED A SUPER-GRAVITY CANNON DURING THE GREAT NAVAL BATTLE EITHER.
SQUEAKA
WHAT DO WE DO?

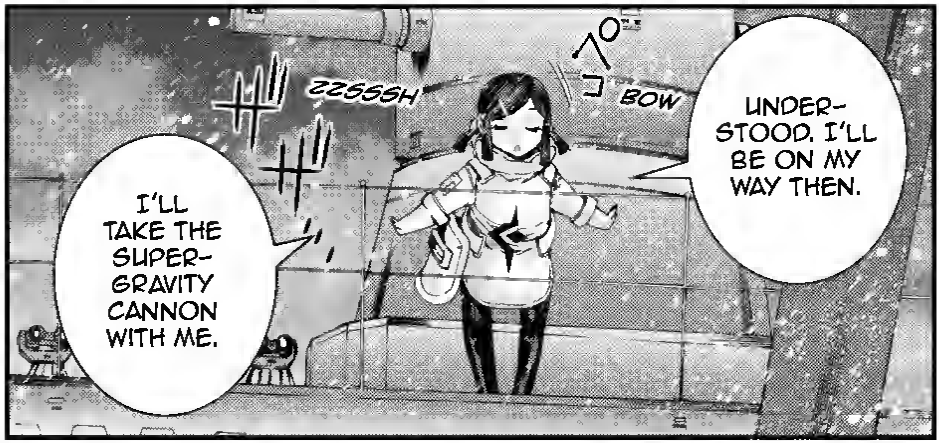
LET'S MOVE.
I WANT TO KNOW WHAT SHE'S USING.
ROGER.
YEAH!
DASH

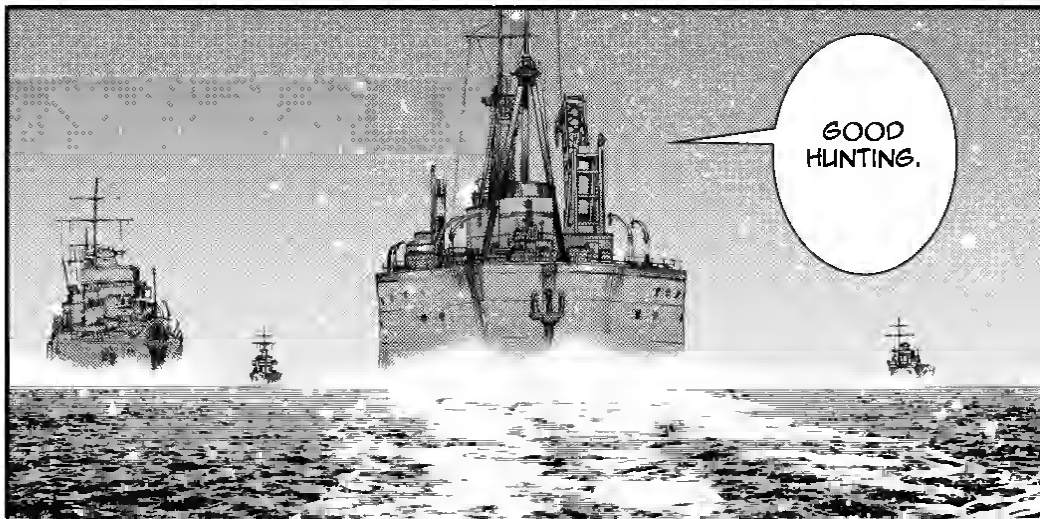
YOU DON'T NEED TO RUSH.
WE'LL WAIT.
IORI!
PAGHOOM
THANKS.
ONCE IORI REACHES THE ENGINE ROOM...
...WE'LL BEGIN.


TEST COMPLETE.
ZZRRRMM

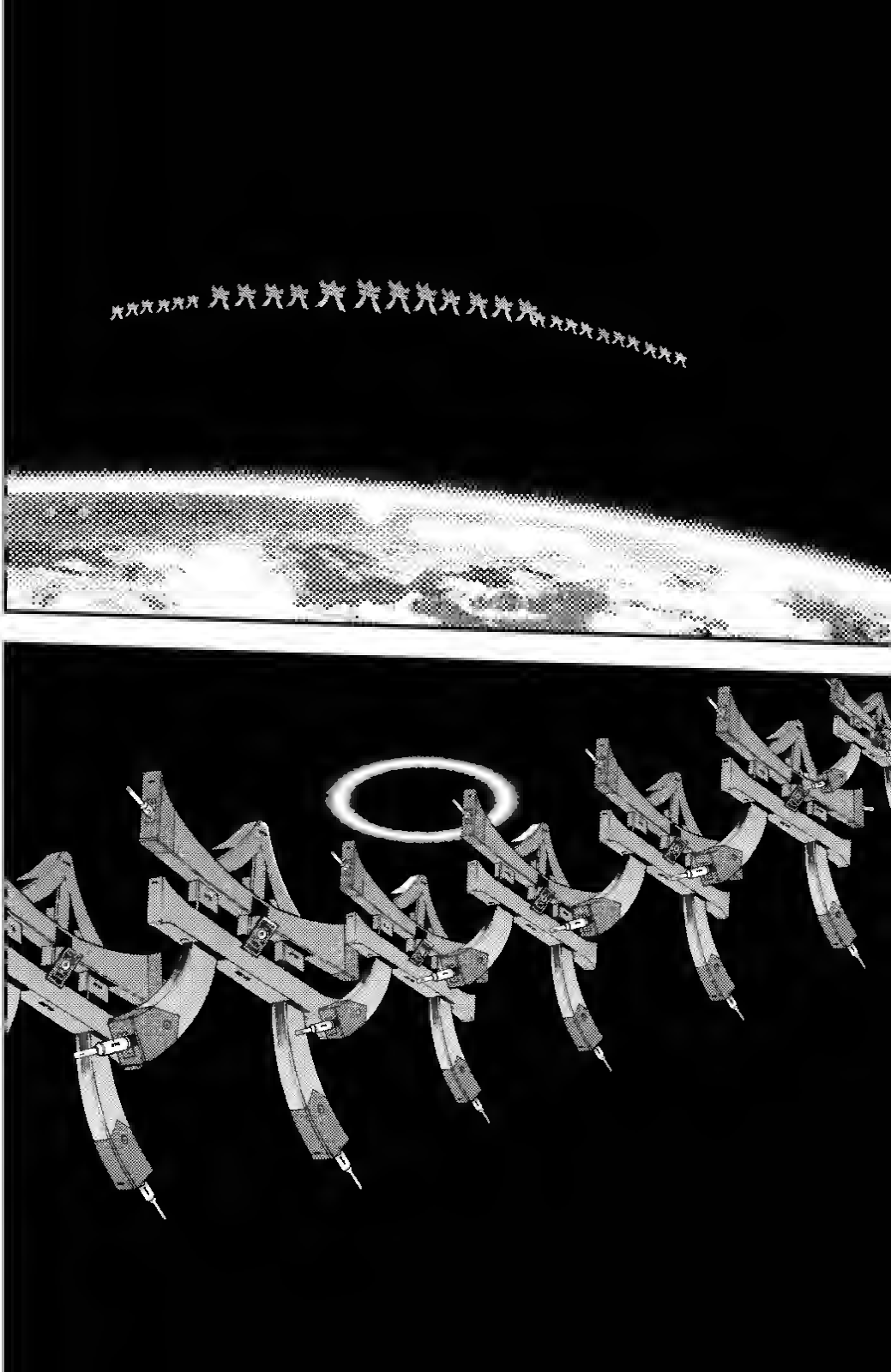
SHWOOOM
PATROL FLEET 1 FLAGSHIP KONGOU.

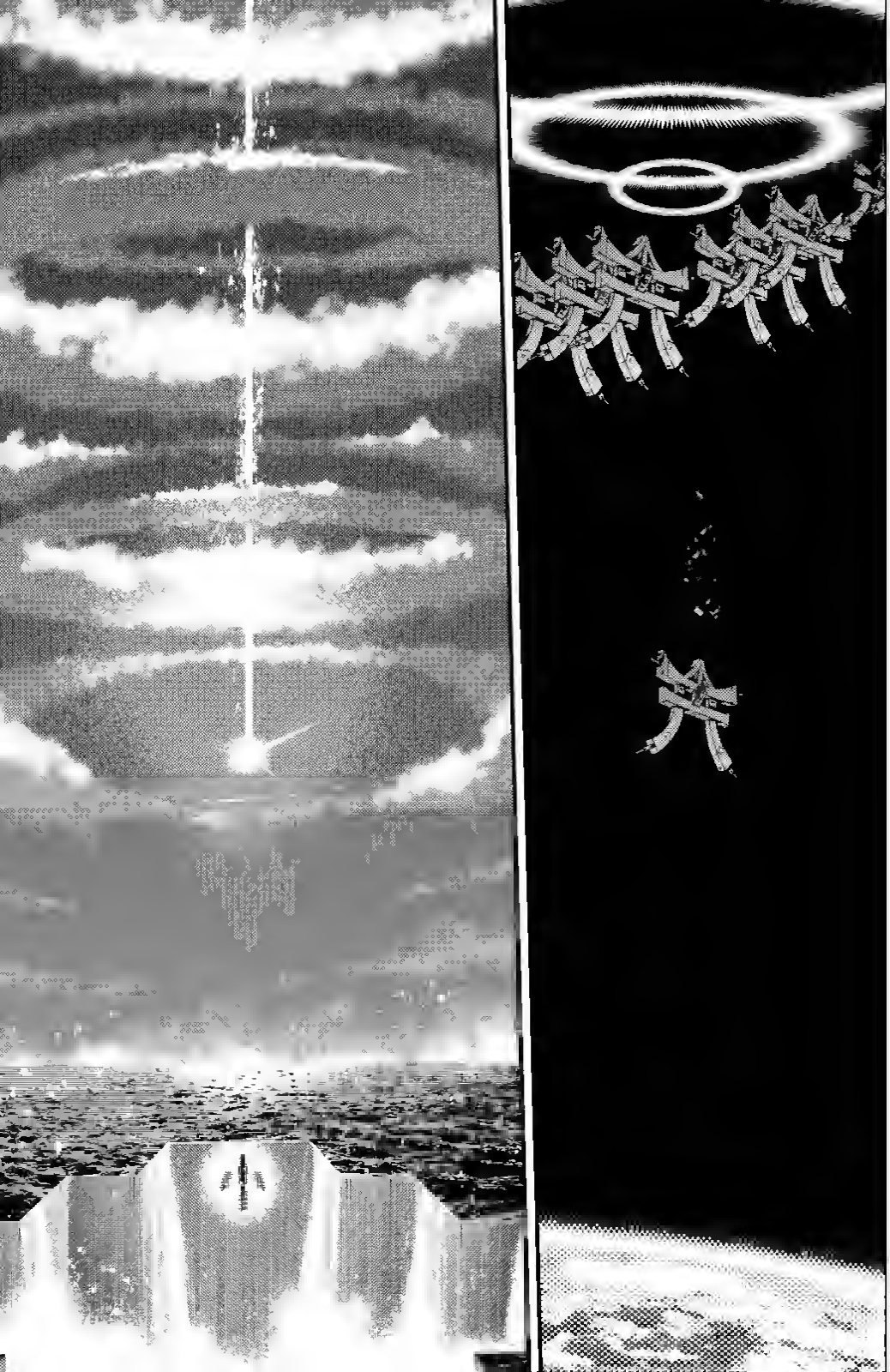
WELL DONE, AKASHI.
LEAVE THE COMBAT AREA AND ENSURE YOUR SAFETY.


UNDER-STOOD. I'LL BE ON MY WAY THEN.
BOW
ZZSSSH
I'LL TAKE THE SUPER-GRAVITY CANNON WITH ME.


GOOD HUNTING.

ALL RIGHT.
ZWEEEM
LET'S BEGIN.

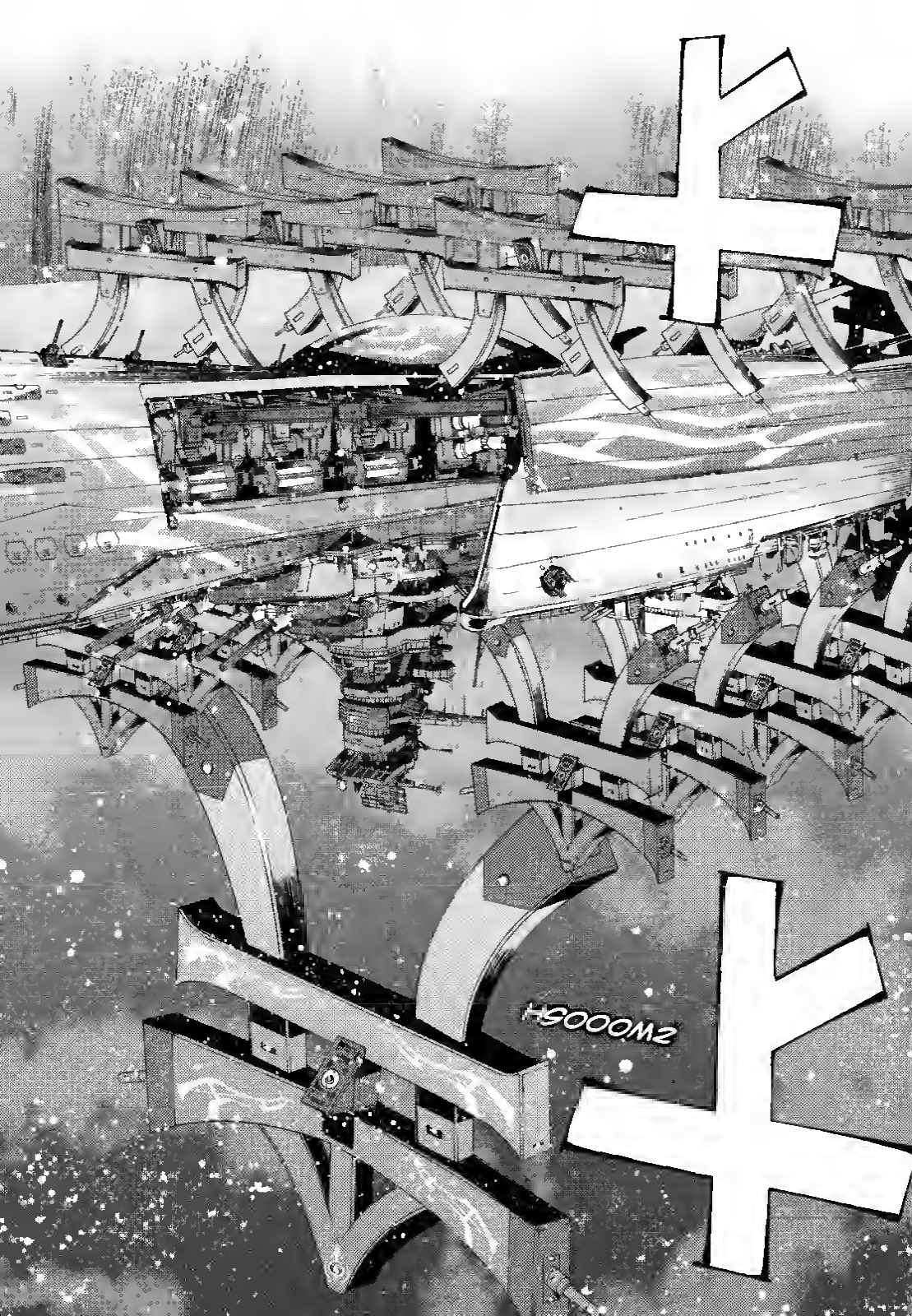




KROOOM

ZWOOOSH
KROOOM
SHWOOM
KLANG
KLANG

ZWOOOSH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ROOOAR
THE FLAGSHIP EQUIPMENT IS LOADED, THEN.
SHWOOOM
ALL SHIPS, FORM UP IN A DIAMOND AROUND OUR FLAGSHIP!
IT'S THE ONLY WAY SHE CAN WIN!
401 WILL BE COMING FOR HER!
SHWOOOM
DESTROYERS, FORM TWO GROUPS OF THREE!
NACHI! WE CAN LOOK FOR HAGURO AND ASHIGARA LATER! HEAD TO THE DESIGNATED AREA!
GET TO THE FRONT AND REAR OF THE FLAGSHIP!

KONGOU.
THAT'S AN INTERESTING THING YOU'VE BROUGHT OUT.
THERE ARE A LOT OF WEAPONS IN OUR EQUIPMENT CATALOGUE...
...THAT HAVE NEVER BEEN USED.
WHO MADE THEM, AND WHY?
WHOEVER THEY ARE...
...THEY'RE LIKELY OUR CREATOR.

OUR DATA IS OUR CLUE TO FINDING OUR CREATOR...
...AND DETERMINING HIS GOAL.
THAT'S RIGHT. WE WERE QUITE RIGHT TO SEND ATAGO.
CLINK
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
PUNISH HER?
...ENDED UP INTERFERING IN THE BATTLE.
BUT THAT GIRL...
WE CAN STILL DO THAT AFTER WE HEAR WHAT SHE HAS TO SAY.
HOW KIND OF YOU.

I LIKE THAT GIRL.
WELL, I...

HONG KONG

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US RESUPPLY.
...OTHER THAN THE "BATTLESHIP KILLER."
...THERE WAS ANYBODY CON-TROLLING A FOG SHIP...
I NEVER DREAM-ED..
K-TANG
K-TANG
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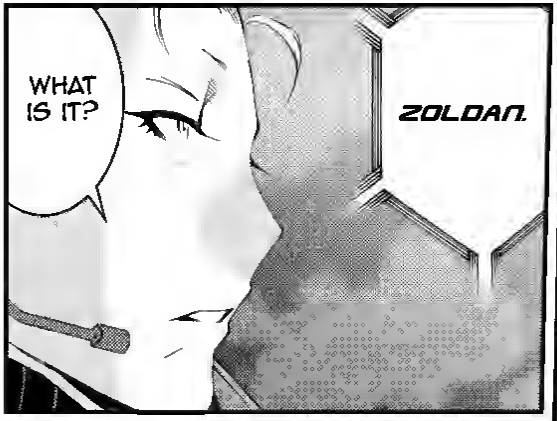
K-TANG
...HAS TAKEN A LIKING TO YOU, IT SEEMS.
LO LUNG...
K-TANG


WHAT IS IT?
ZOLDAN.

IT'S FROM ADMIRAL SHOUZOU.
READ IT.

GLAD TO HEAR IT.

...AND ACQUIRE DATA ON IT.
THE 2501 IS TO OBSERVE THE USE OF PATROL FLEET 1 FLAGSHIP KONGOU'S FLAGSHIP EQUIPMENT...
IN ADDITION, IT IS NOT TO INTERFERE WITH THE BATTLE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. DEPART IMMEDIATELY.

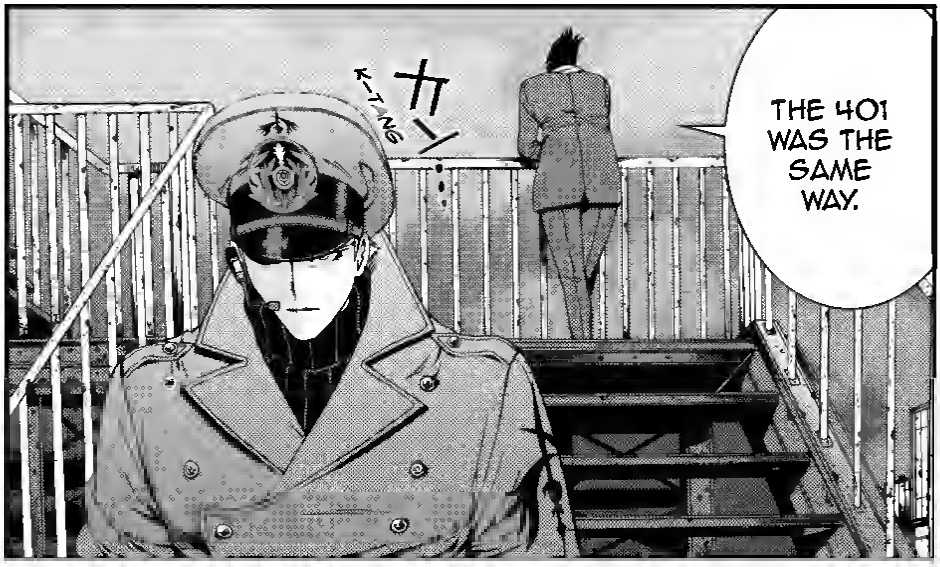
GOTCHA. OUR SIGHT-SEEING TOUR IN HONG KONG IS OVER, HUH?
...WE'VE RECEIVED THE MESSAGE.
TELL HIM...

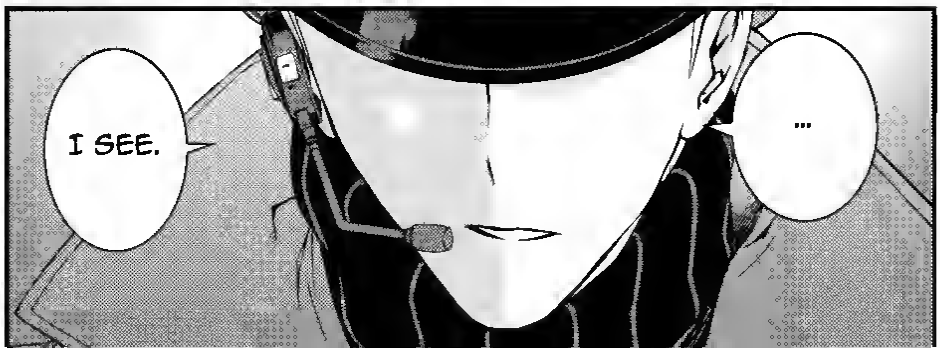
ONCE THERE'S PEACE, HE CAN COME BACK.
IT CAN'T BE HELPED.

POOR BOY.
HE FINALLY GOT HIMSELF A GIRL-FRIEND.
YEAH. BRING BACK ROMUALD AS WELL.

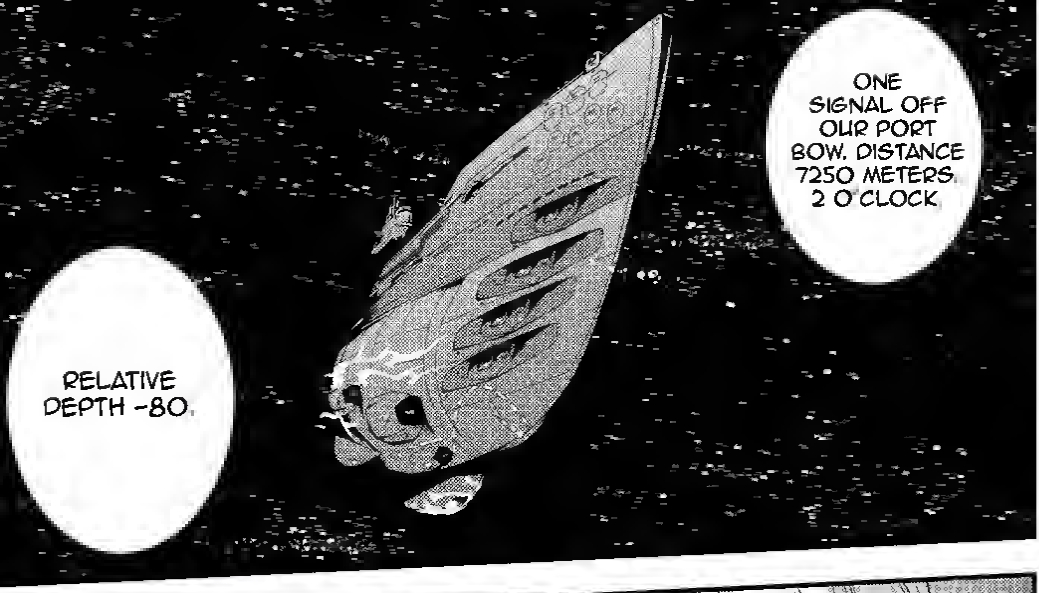
HEH?
...TO HEAR YOU SAY THAT.
I'M A LITTLE SURPRISED...
...SINCE I'VE LEFT EUROPE?
HAVE I GOTTEN WEAK...
...LOVE YOU WHEN YOU TALK OF PEACE
I...
I DON'T KNOW.

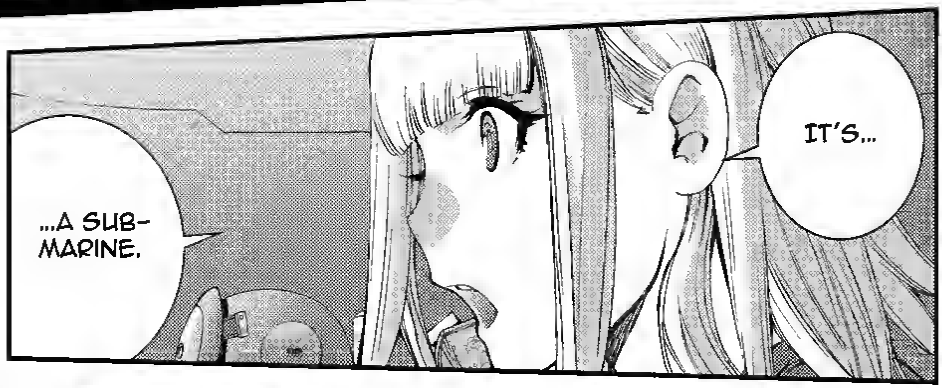
THE 2501 IS LEAVING PORT.
K-TANG
ROGER.
K-TANG
K-TANG
WE HAVE TO LEAVE.
K-TANG
YOU FOG USERS ARE ALWAYS LIKE THAT. YOU APPEAR SUDDENLY AND DISAP-PEAR JUST AS FAST.
K-TANG


THE 401 WAS THE SAME WAY.
K-TANG


...
I SEE.

...THE CARGO YOU GAVE US TO TAIWAN.
I KNOW. WE'LL DELIVER...
K-TANG
K-TANG
AS FOR OUR PAY...
ALL RIGHT.
GET US READY IN 30 MIN-UTES.
K-TANG
K-TANG
THE 2501 IS LEAVING PORT!
KL_T
GET TO WORK LOADING THAT CARGO, MEN!
U-2501
KLAT
KLAT
KLAT


ONE SIGNAL OFF OUR PORT BOW. DISTANCE 7250 METERS. 2 O'CLOCK.
RELATIVE DEPTH -80.

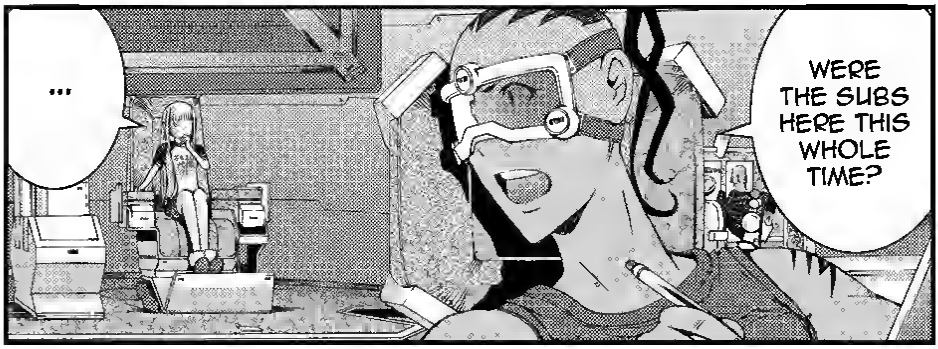

IT'S...
...A SUB-MARINE.

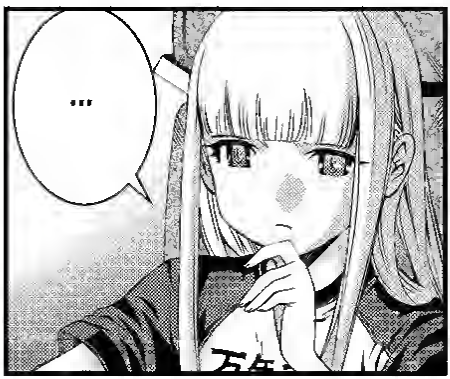
MAINTAIN DEPTH, COURSE, AND HEADING.
ROGER.
MAINTAINING DEPTH, COURSE, AND HEADING.

MATCHING ENGINE SIGNATURE AND GRAVITON SIGNAL PATTERN WITH LIBRARY.
IT'S I-18.
SUBMARINE
I-18

THIS IS THE SECOND ONE.
THEY'RE LOOKING FOR ME.

DISPLAYING TACTICAL MAP.
CLICK


...
WERE THE SUBS HERE THIS WHOLE TIME?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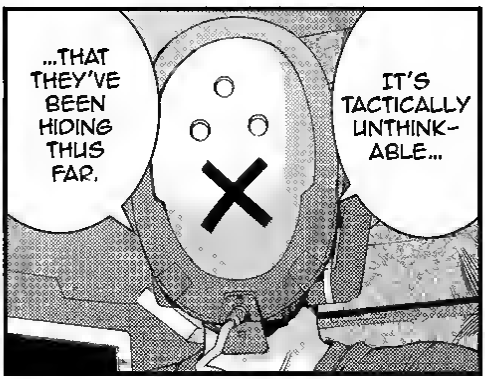
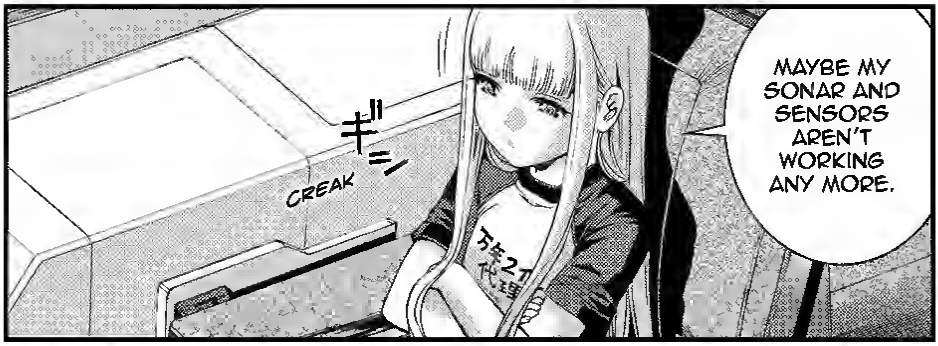
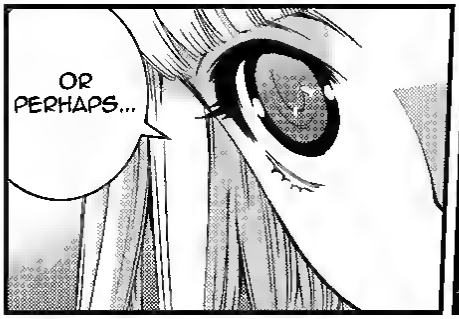

...THAT THEY'VE BEEN HIDING THUS FAR.
IT'S TACTICALLY UNTHINK-ABLE...

...THEN WHEN WE FIRST ATTACKED THE SURFACE SHIPS...
IF THEY'D HAD SUBMARINES HIDDEN SO WE COULDN'T DETECT THEM...
...TO CATCH US IN A PINCER ATTACK.
THEY COULD'VE USED THE SUB-MARINES THEY HAD...
...BUT THERE'S NO SIGN OF ANY SUBMARINES ENTERING THIS AREA.
I'M REVIEWING THE SENSOR AND SONAR LOGS CAREFULLY...
SWIP
SWIP
CORRECT.


CREAK
MAYBE MY SONAR AND SENSORS AREN'T WORKING ANY MORE.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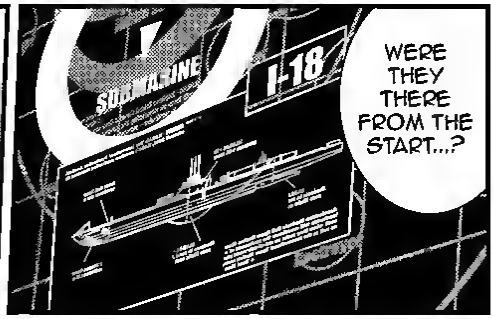
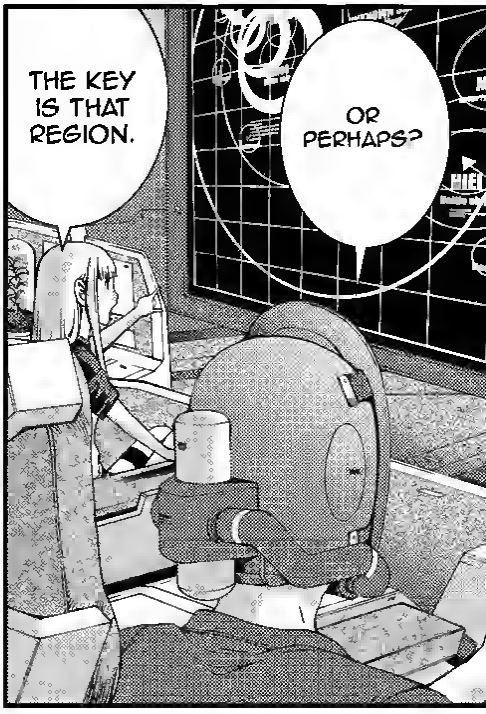
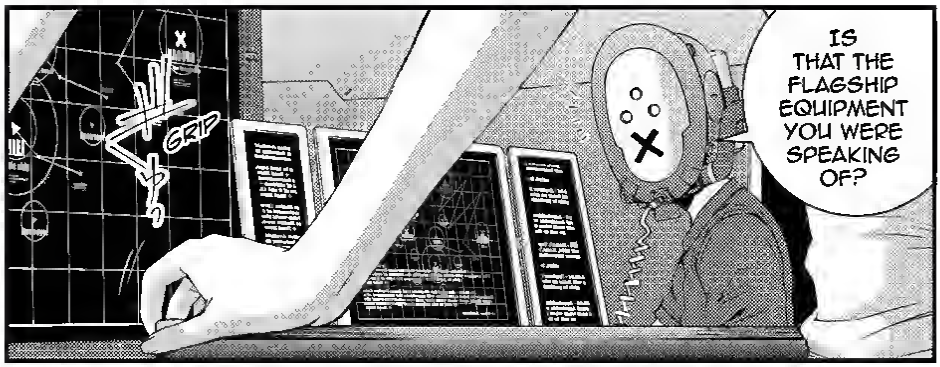
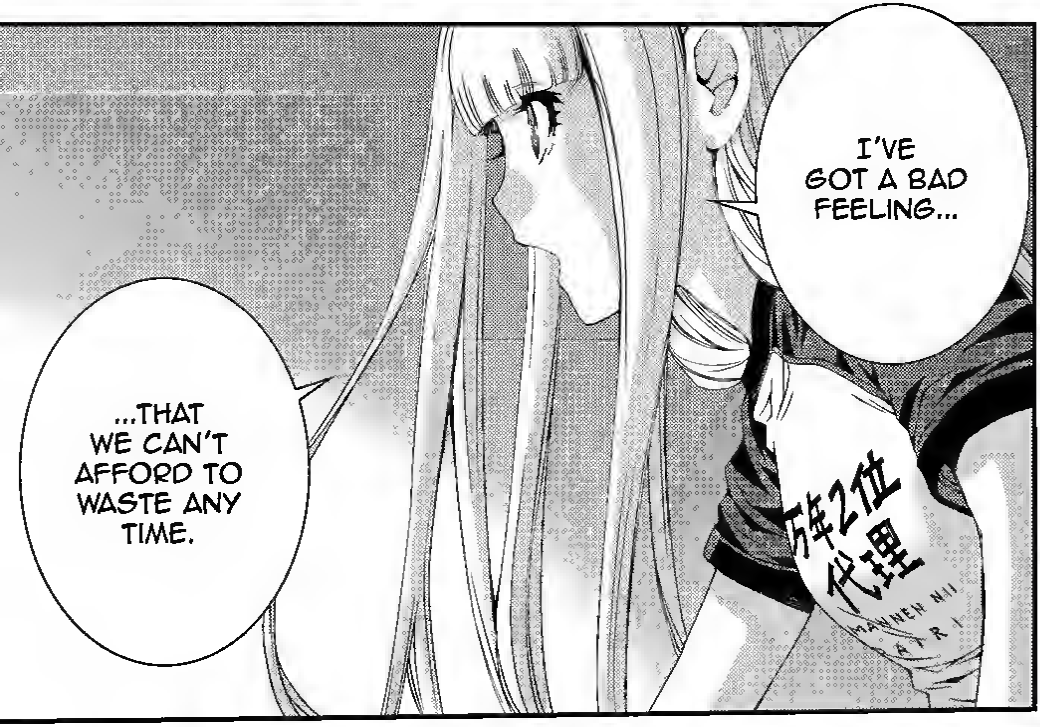

SUBMARINE
I-18
WERE THEY THERE FROM THE START...?

THERE'S A POWERFUL GRAVITY FIELD PREVENTING US FROM OBSERVING IT.
IT'S LIKE A GIANT COCOON WHOSE INSIDES WE CAN'T SEE


THE KEY IS THAT REGION.
OR PERHAPS?


GRIP
IS THAT THE FLAGSHIP EQUIPMENT YOU WERE SPEAKING OF?


I'VE GOT A BAD FEELING...
...THAT WE CAN'T AFFORD TO WASTE ANY TIME.
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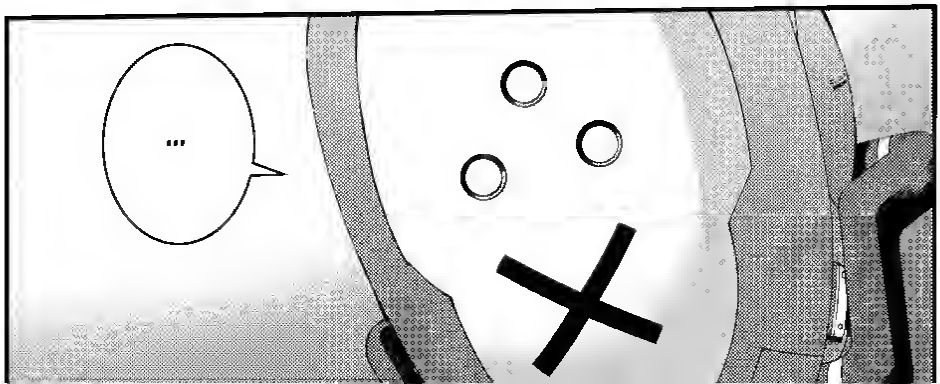
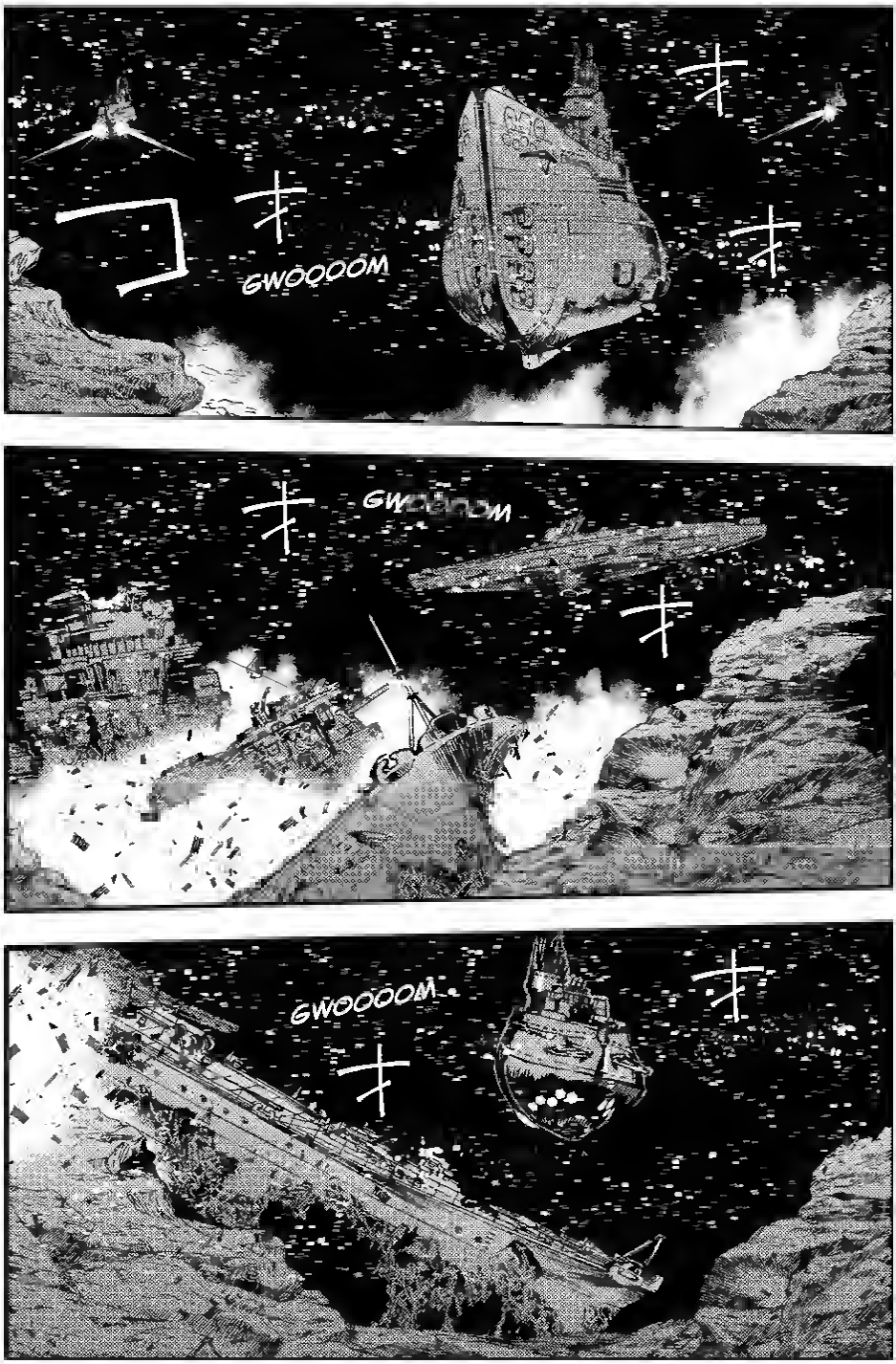
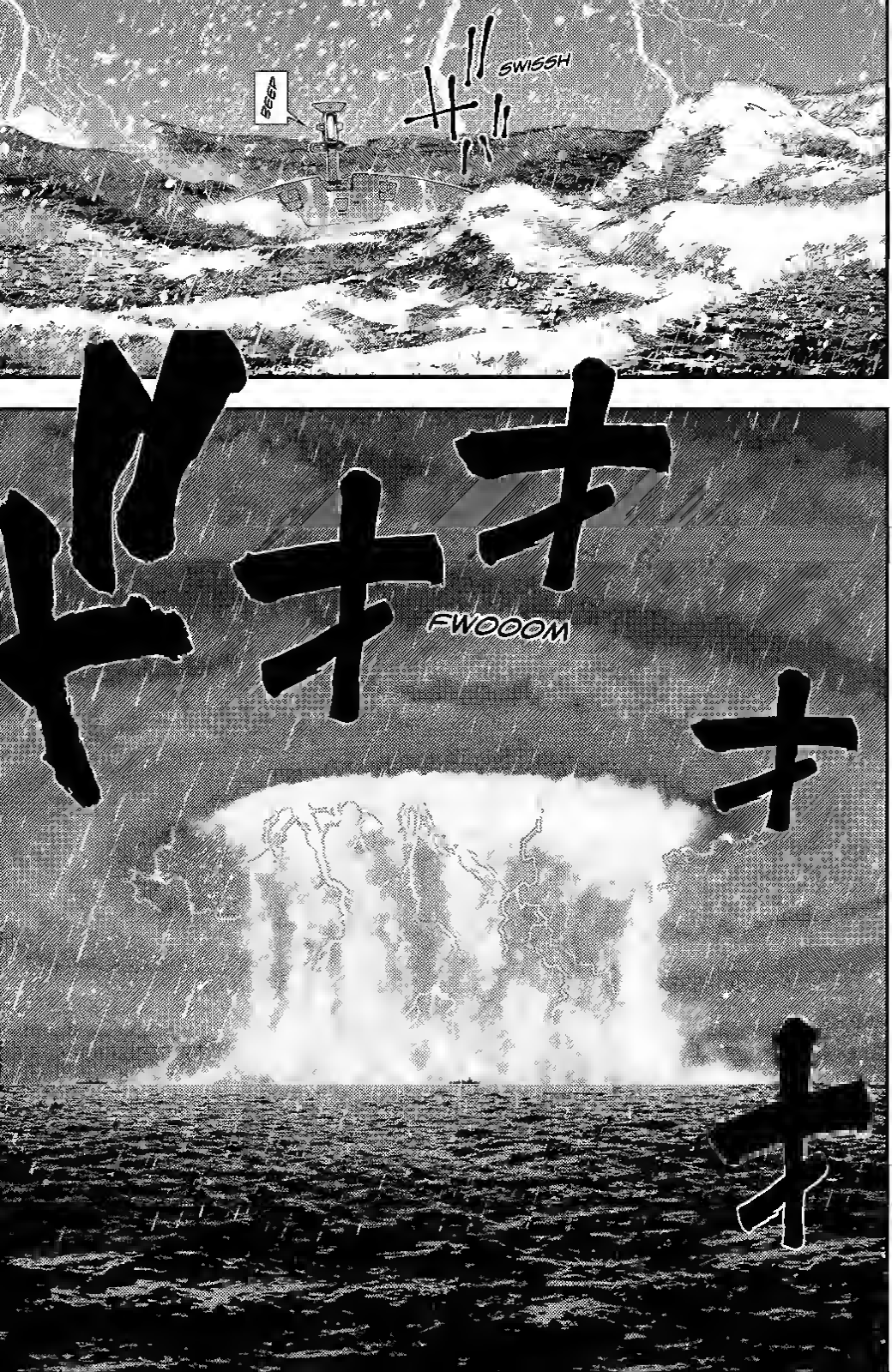
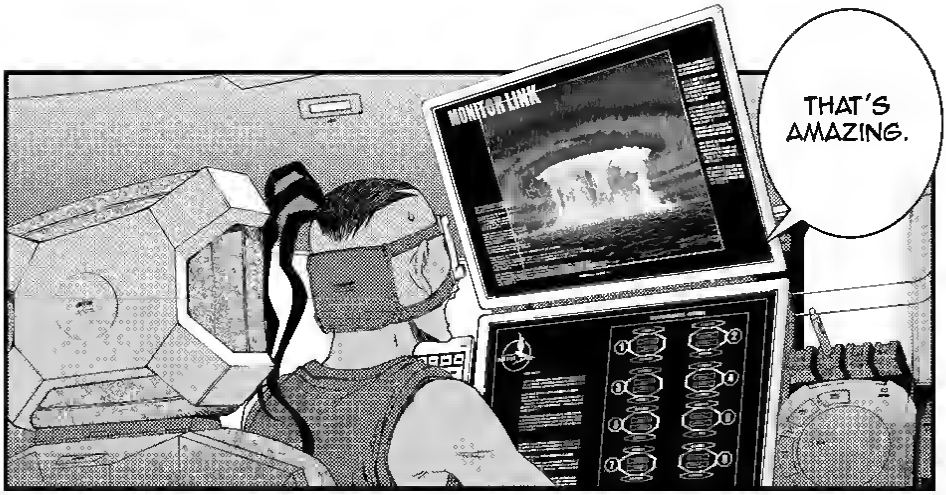
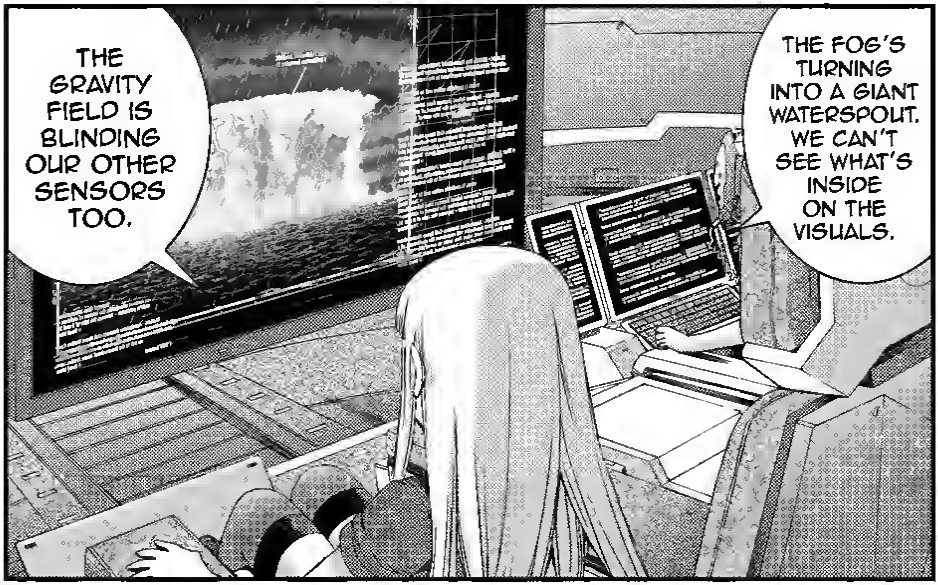

...

...I'VE EVER HEARD YOU SAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT BEFORE.
PSSHT
I DON'T THINK...
I THINK IT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE SAID IT TOO.
YES.
LET'S HURRY SO THEY DON'T DETECT US.


GWOOOOM
GWOOOOM
GWOOOOM

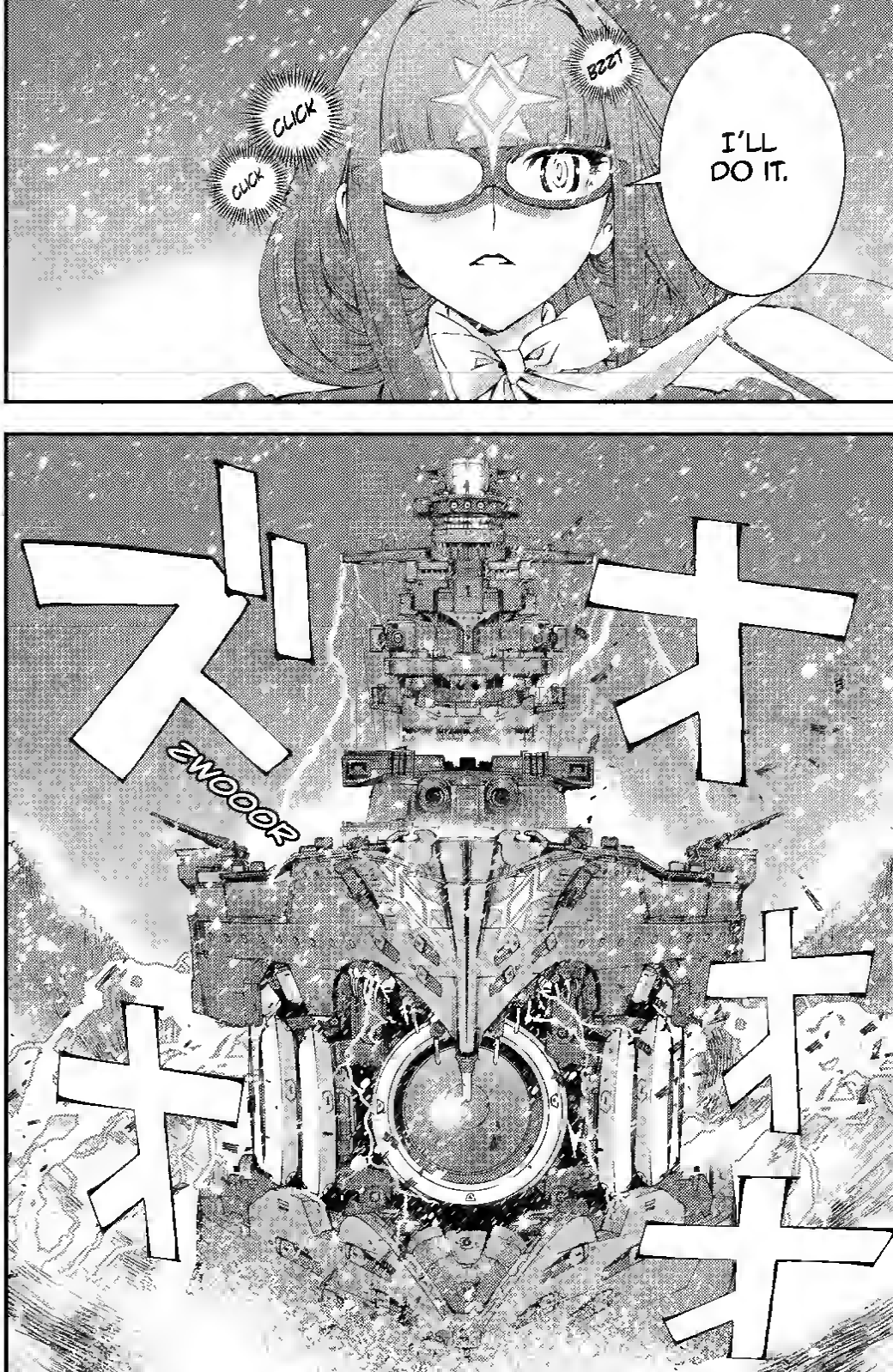

SWISSH
BEEP
FWOOOM


MONITOR LINK
THAT'S AMAZING.


THE GRAVITY FIELD IS BLINDING OUR OTHER SENSORS TOO.
THE FOG'S TURNING INTO A GIANT WATERSPOUT. WE CAN'T SEE WHAT'S INSIDE ON THE VISUALS.

...WE HAVE TO GO INSIDE, BUT...
SO IF WE WANT TO SEE IT...

CLICK
CLICK
NACHI, 9 O'CLOCK.
ALL SHIPS MAINTAIN COURSE.
CLICK
THEY'RE HERE, HUH?
I FOUND A PERISCOPE UNIT.
ROGER.
ZWOOSH
DISTANCE 8270.


CLICK
CLICK
BZZT
I'LL DO IT.
ZWOOOR

BRZAK
BRZAK
...BY SAYING HELLO.
WE'LL START...
VWWWMM
401!
CLICK
CLICK

BOOM
SKRREEE

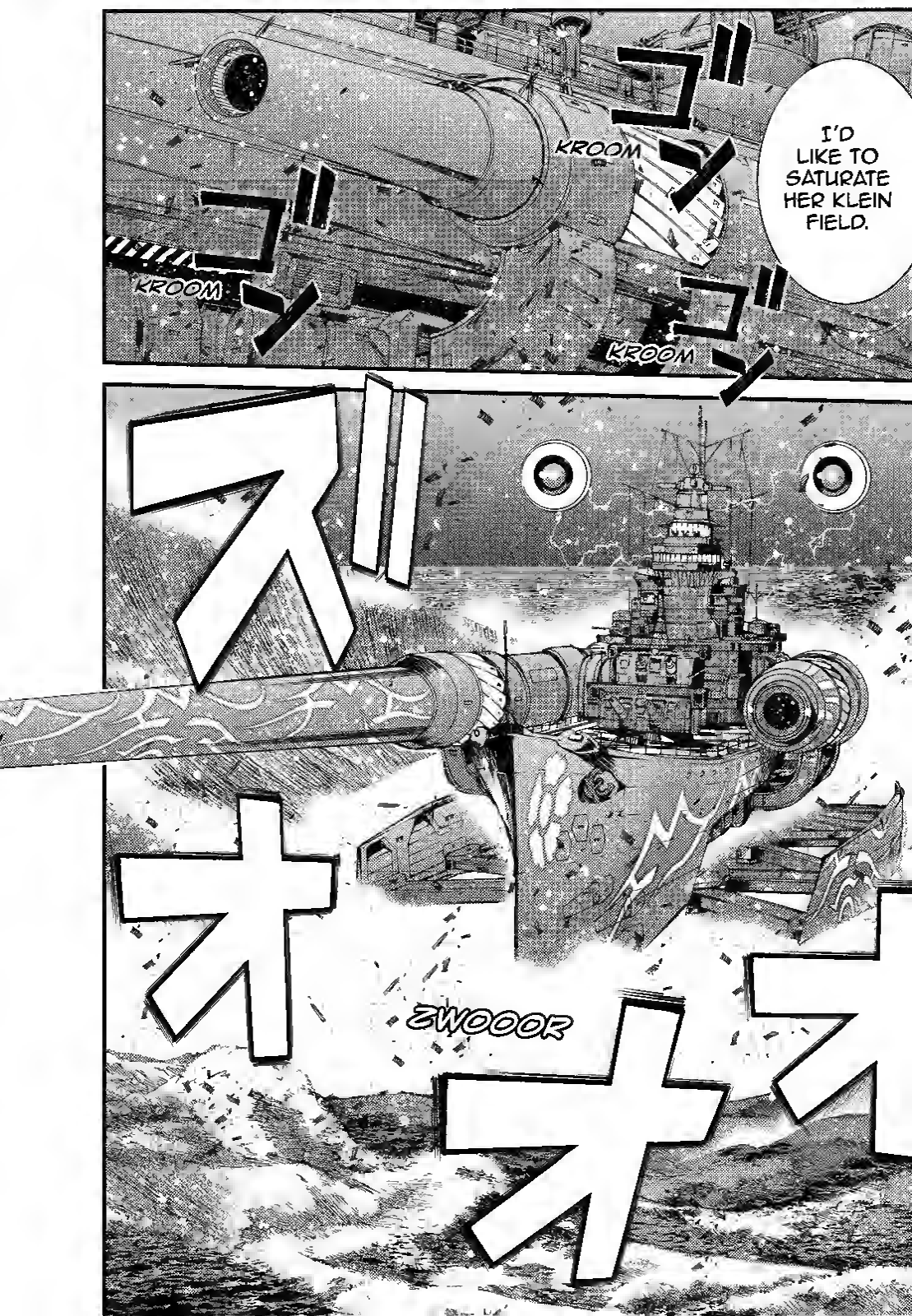
1228
BOOM
DID THEY GET IT?
KLAK
IORI! ENGINES TO FULL! 401, FULL SPEED AHEAD!
WHILE WE'RE AT IT...
...LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT KONGOU.
KREAK

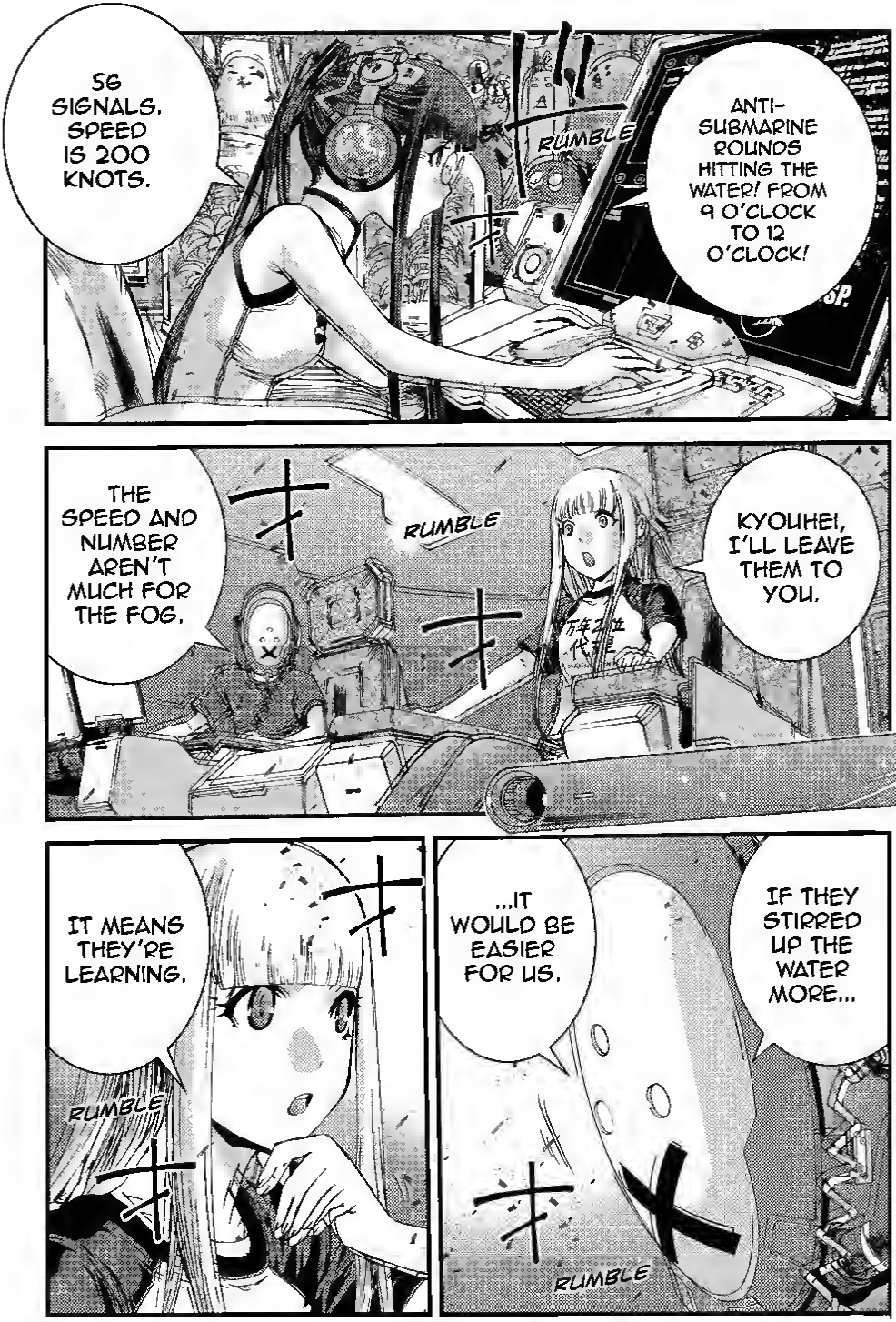
ROGER.
VWEEEM.
HAS IT BEGUN?
...SNIPER SYSTEM?
HIEI'S...

CLICK
CLICK
I'VE GOT HER! IT'S THE 401!
SENDING TOP PRIORITY DATA LINK TO ALL SHIPS!
VWEEEEM
FLASH
THWOOOM
HMPH.

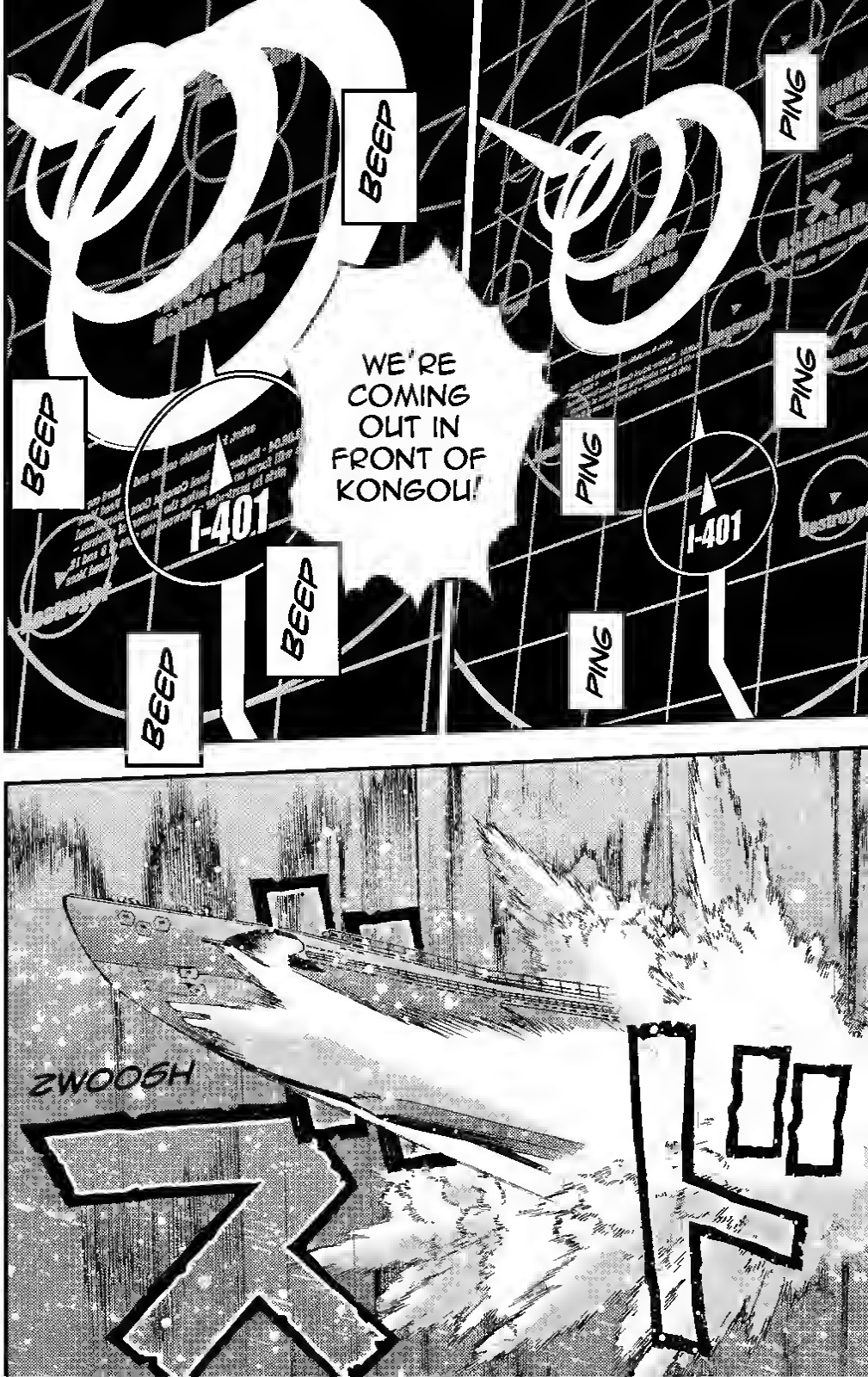
I KNEW IT. HER ENGINES HAVE BEEN TUNED AND ENHANCED AS WELL.
AMAZING ACCELERATION.
ALL SHIPS!
ADJUSTING TARGETING DATA FOR THE 401!
BOOM
BOOM
A NORMAL 400-CLASS COULD NEVER DO THAT.

CLICK
KONGO
401
CLICK
THIS COURSE WILL TAKE HER PAST THE BOW OF KONGOU, AND THE SHE'LL HEAD THE OTHER DIRECTION...
WELL, OF COURSE THEY'D WANT TO SEE THE FLAGSHIP EQUIPMENT.
MYOUKOU!
THE 401 WILL HEAD STRAIGHT FOR YOU AFTER SCOUTING KONGOU!
ROGER. I'LL TRY AND CATCH HER.
VWEEEM
IF NOTHING ELSE...


I'D LIKE TO SATURATE HER KLEIN FIELD.
KROOM
KROOM
KROOM
ZWOOOR


SG SIGNALS. SPEED IS 200 KNOTS.
RUMBLE
ANTI-SUBMARINE ROUNDS HITTING THE WATER! FROM 9 O'CLOCK TO 12 O'CLOCK!
THE SPEED AND NUMBER AREN'T MUCH FOR THE FOG.
RUMBLE
KYOUHEI, I'LL LEAVE THEM TO YOU.
IT MEANS THEY'RE LEARNING.
RUMBLE
...IT WOULD BE EASIER FOR US.
RUMBLE
IF THEY STIRRED UP THE WATER MORE...

SO THE LONGER THIS DRAGS ON, THE TOUGHER THEY'LL GET.
ドォ
BOOM
ZRRRM
ACTIVATE OPTICAL OBSERVATION INSTRUMENTS!

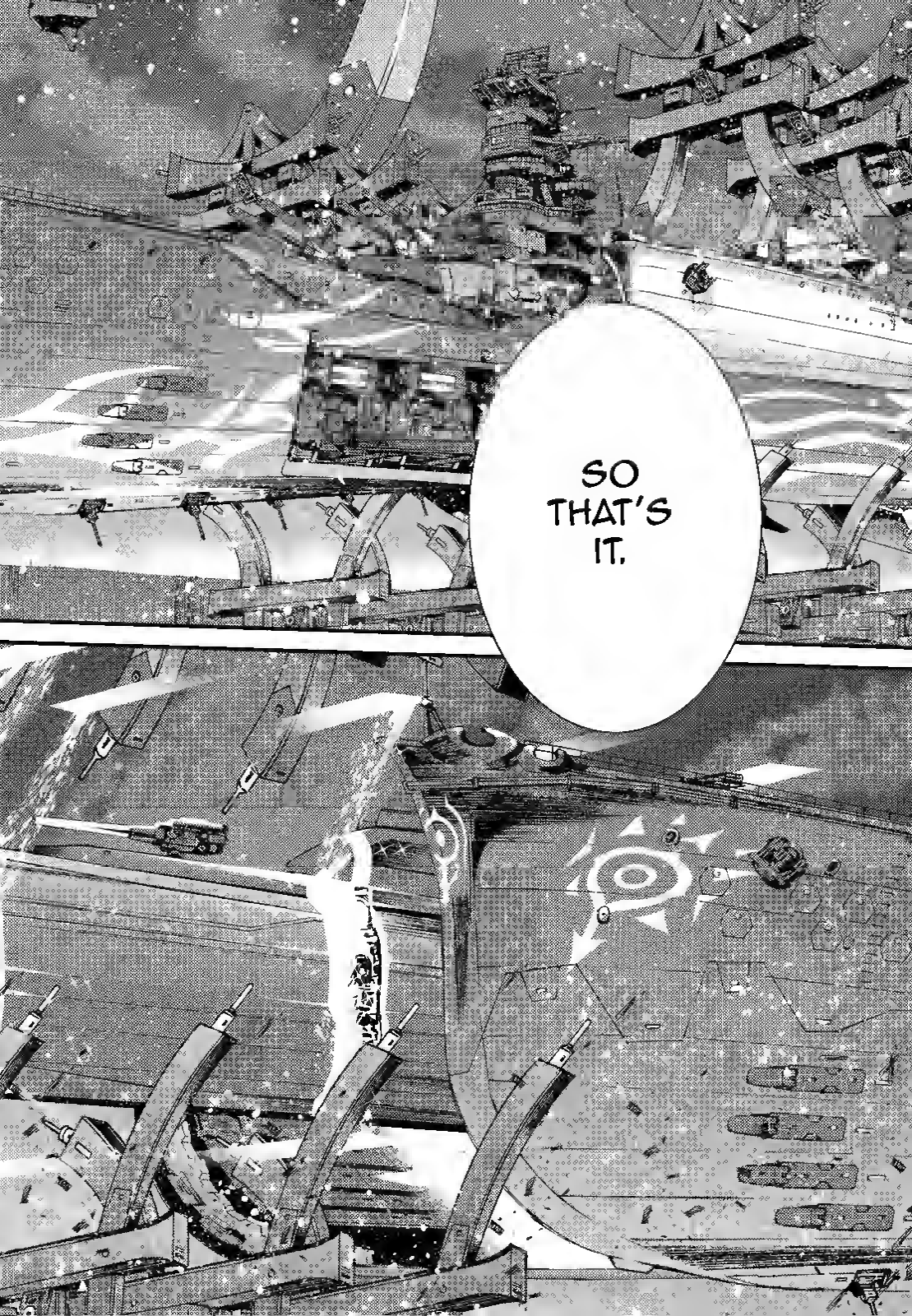

BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
I-401
WE'RE COMING OUT IN FRONT OF KONGOU!
PING
PING
PING
PING
I-401
ZWOOSH

ROAR

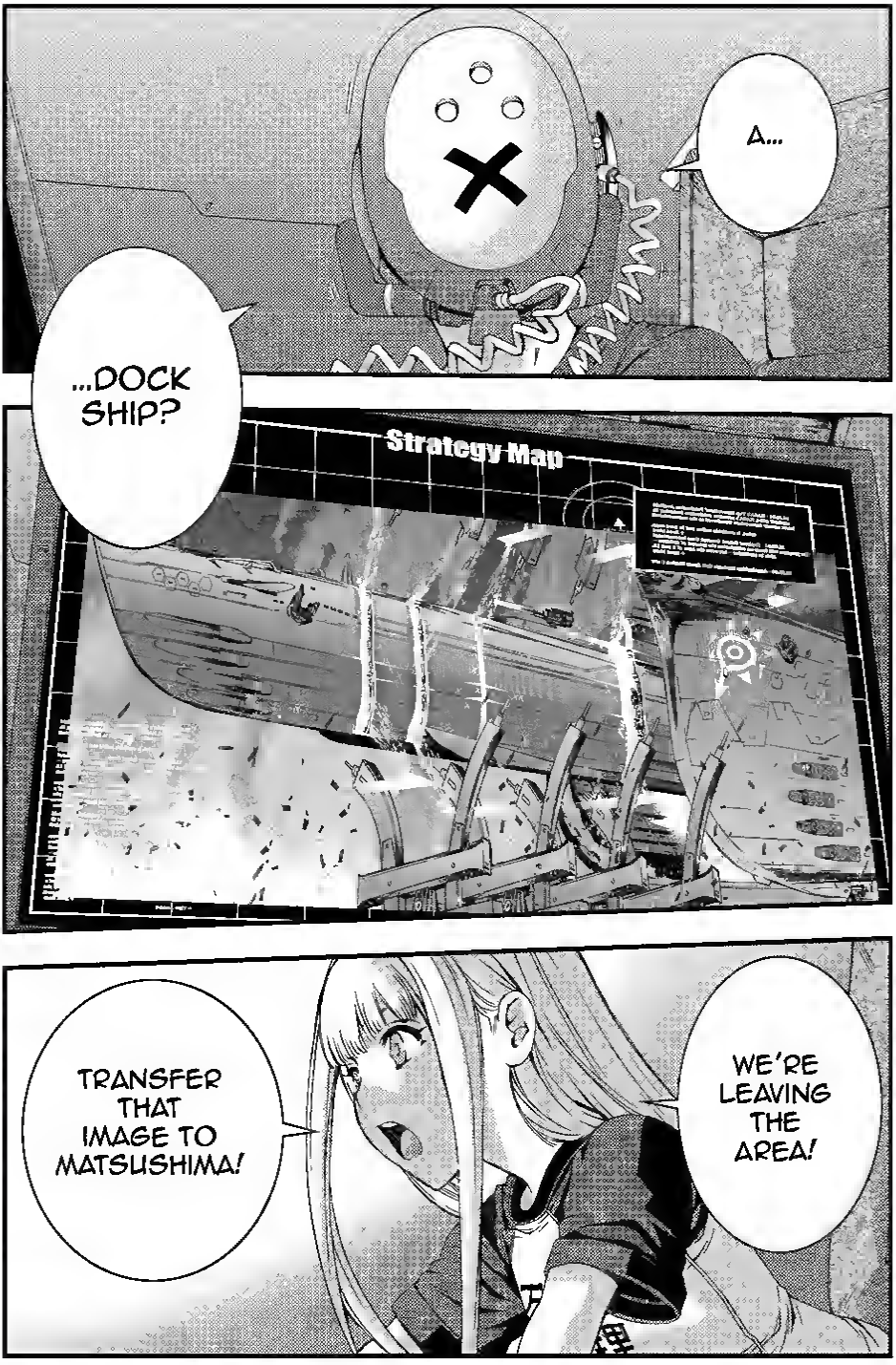
ROAR

BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM

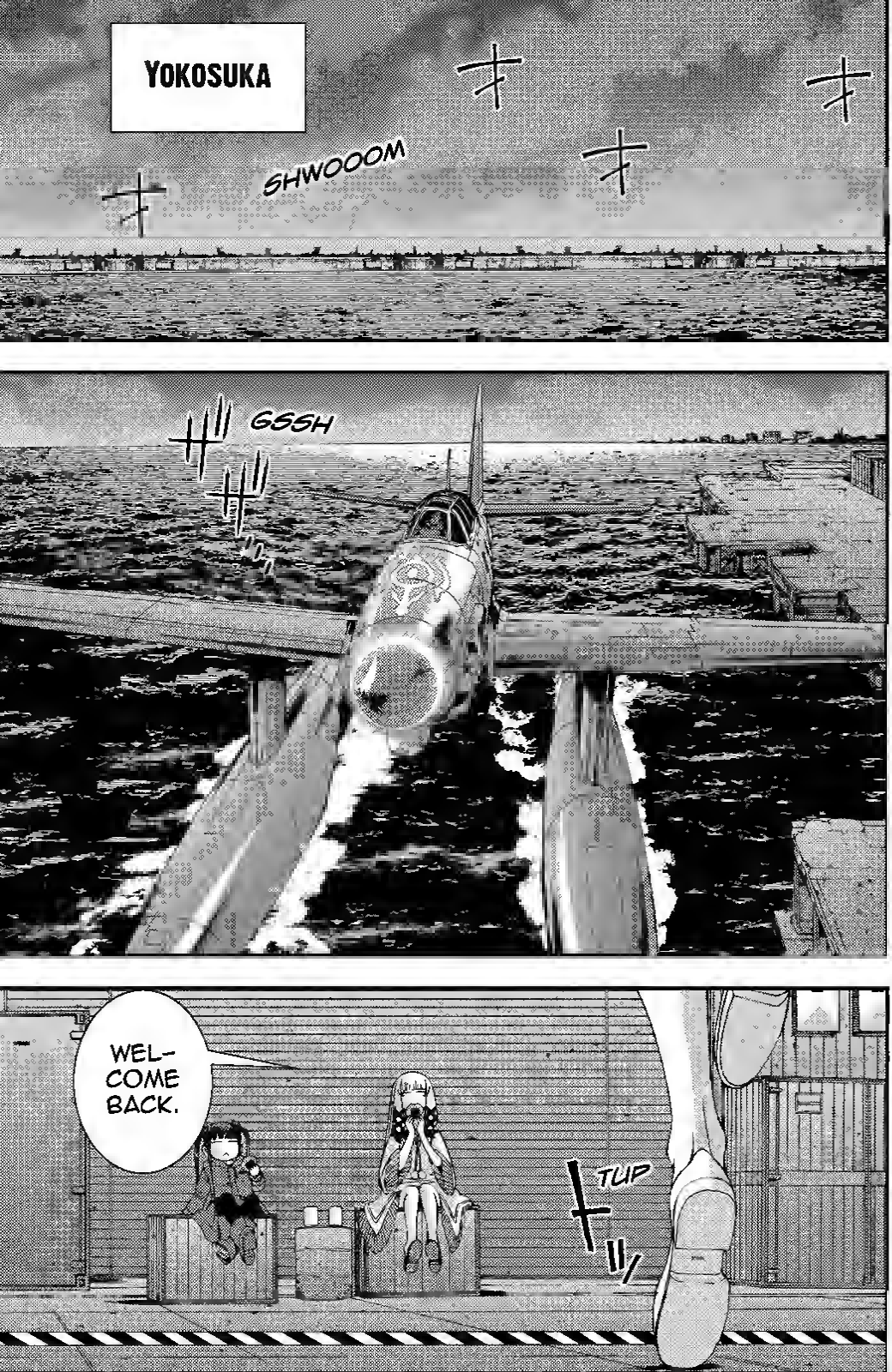
I SEE.


SO THAT'S IT.

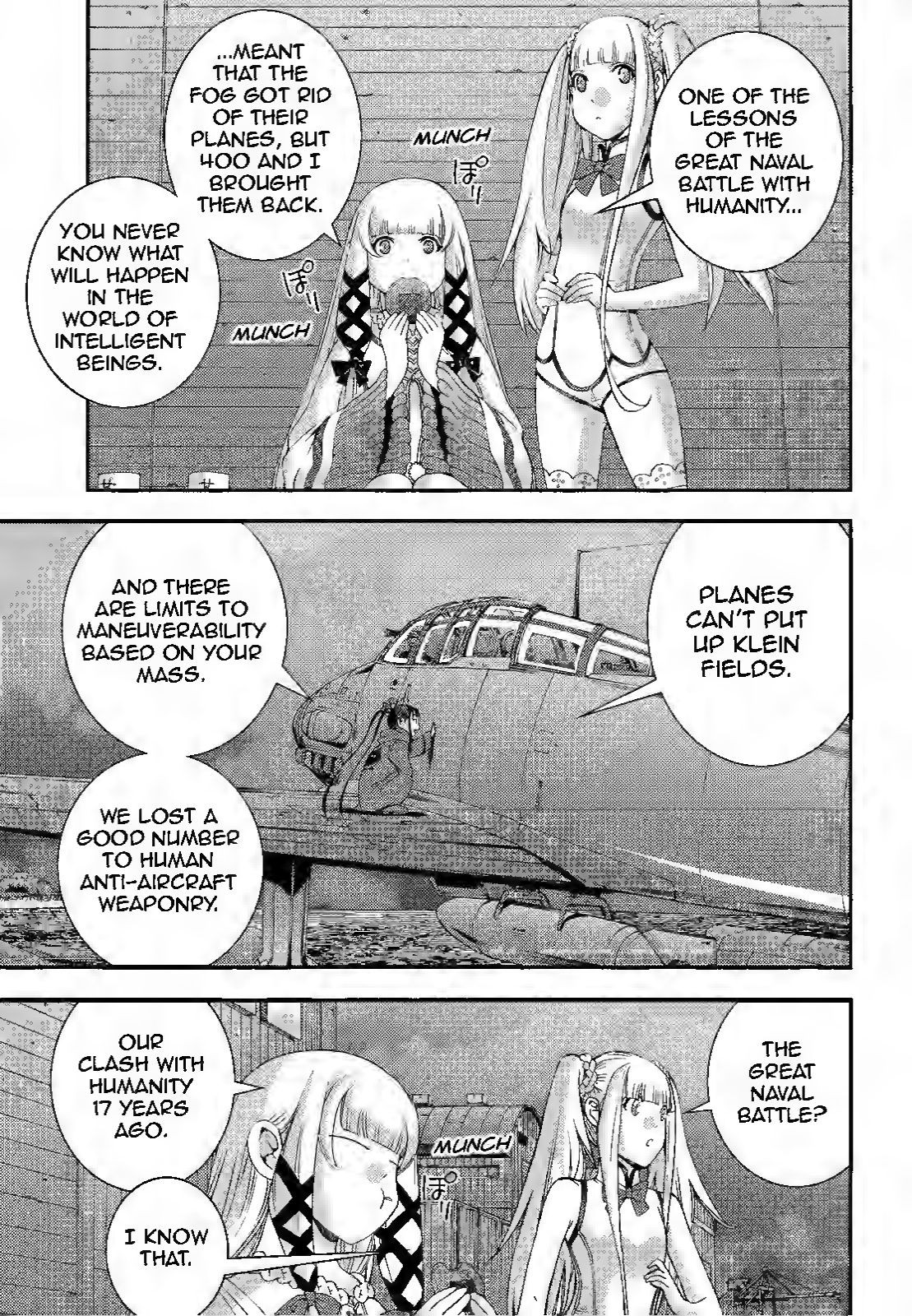
CRASH DIVE!
GWOOOSH
THAT WAS...
WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT?


A...
...DOCK SHIP?
Strategy Map
TRANSFER THAT IMAGE TO MATSUSHIMA!
WE'RE LEAVING THE AREA!

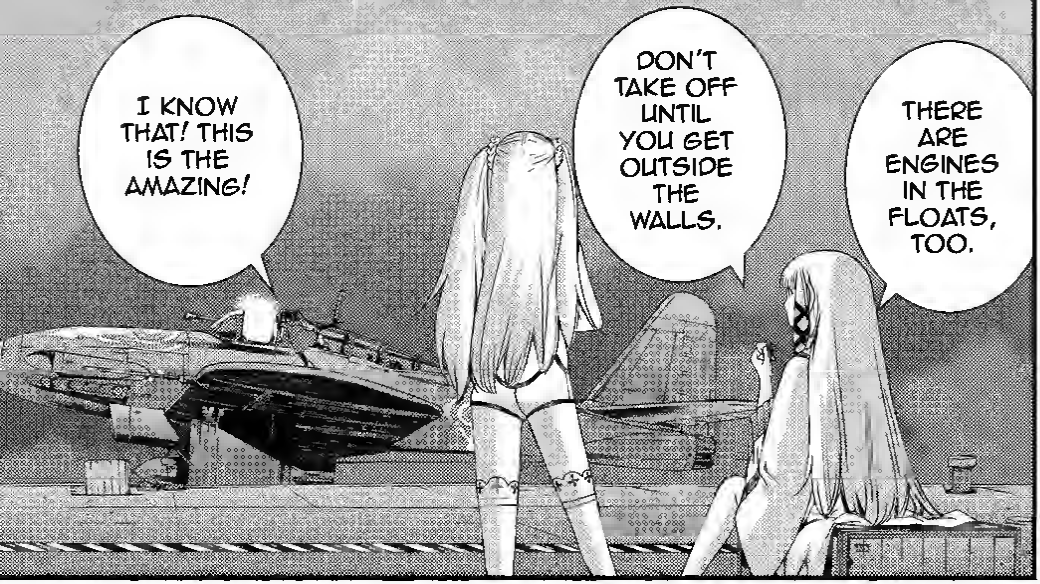
HYUUGA WAS A FORMER FLEET FLAGSHIP.
SHE SHOULD KNOW WHAT THAT THING IS.
ROGER!
GWOOOM


YOKOSUKA
SHWOOOM
GSSH
WEL-
COME
BACK.
TUP

MAYA'S ALREADY HEADING FOR TOKYO BAY.
SHE'S GOING TO FIND A GOOD SPOT...
...THEN COME HERE FROM TOKYO VIA LAND.
ROGER. I'LL GET READY.
MUNCH MUNCH
TAKAO'S GOING TO THE ACADEMY.
OOF!
A SEA-PLANE, HUH?
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU STILL HAD ONE.
SQUEAK
SQUEAK


ONE OF THE LESSONS OF THE GREAT NAVAL BATTLE WITH HUMANITY...
MUNCH
ぽ!!
...MEANT THAT THE FOG GOT RID OF THEIR PLANES, BUT 400 AND I BROUGHT THEM BACK.
YOU NEVER KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN IN THE WORLD OF INTELLIGENT BEINGS.
PLANES CAN'T PUT UP KLEIN FIELDS.
AND THERE ARE LIMITS TO MANEUVERABILITY BASED ON YOUR MASS.
WE LOST A GOOD NUMBER TO HUMAN ANTI-AIRCRAFT WEAPONRY.
THE GREAT NAVAL BATTLE?
MUNCH
ぽ!!
OUR CLASH WITH HUMANITY 17 YEARS AGO.
I KNOW THAT.

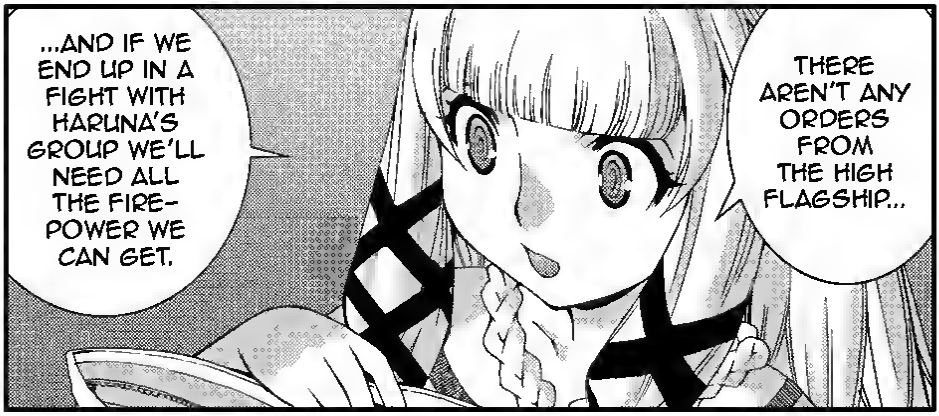
AH.
WE DON'T REALLY HAVE A GOOD NAME FOR IT...
SO...
CHEW
CRUNCH
I'LL TRANSFER THE FILES YOU NEED TO CONTROL IT RIGHT AWAY.
SURE.
SO, CAN I USE THIS?
PSHOOM
OOH, THANKS!
FLASH
CLICK


I KNOW THAT! THIS IS THE AMAZING!
DON'T TAKE OFF UNTIL YOU GET OUTSIDE THE WALLS.
THERE ARE ENGINES IN THE FLOATS, TOO.

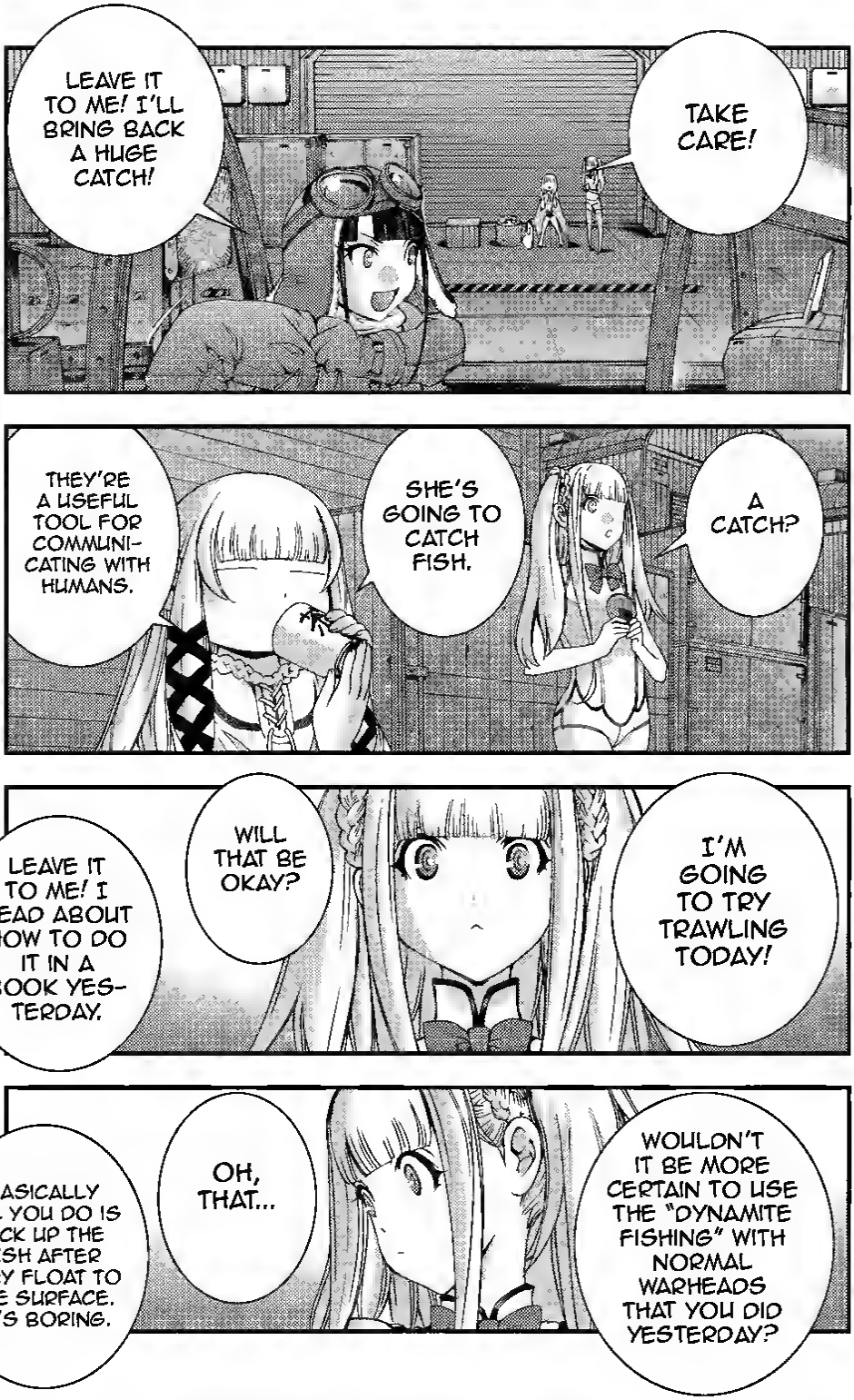
IT SHOULD BE EASY FOR YOU, RIGHT?
YOU WERE ORIGINALLY CAPABLE OF CONTROLLING LARGE NUMBERS OF PLANES.
SURE, LEAVE IT TO ME!

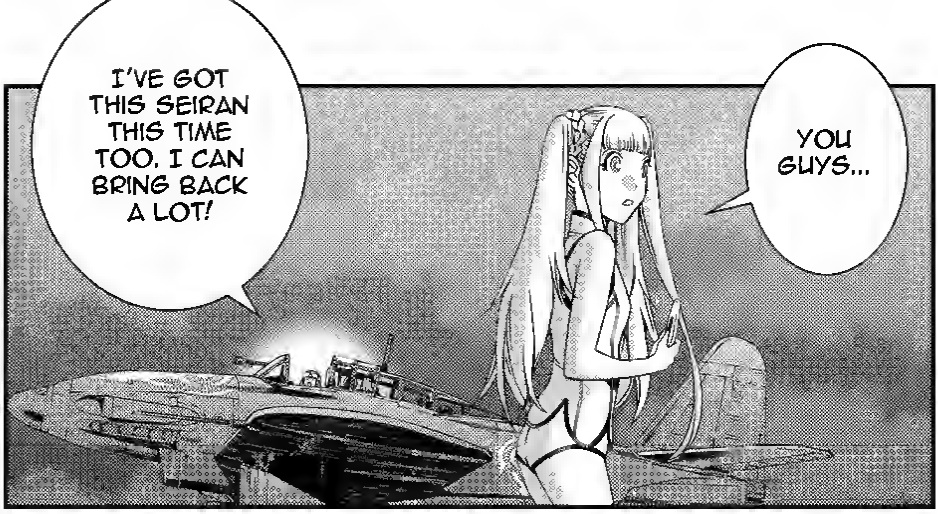
I CONFIRMED THE DESCENT OF THE TIME-SPACE DEPLOYMENT DEVICE TOO.
KONGOU'S USING HER FLAGSHIP EQUIPMENT.
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
SHOULD WE GO OBSERVE, YOU THINK?

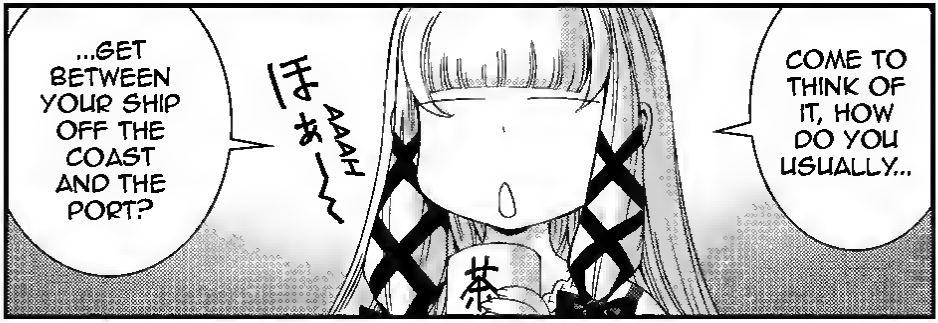
I MADE SOMETHING CALLED "SENBEI" WITH THE RICE THEY WERE HANDING OUT, IN ORDER TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HUMAN CULTURE.
WHAT IS THIS?


...AND IF WE END UP IN A FIGHT WITH HARUNA'S GROUP WE'LL NEED ALL THE FIRE-POWER WE CAN GET.
THERE AREN'T ANY ORDERS FROM THE HIGH FLAGSHIP...

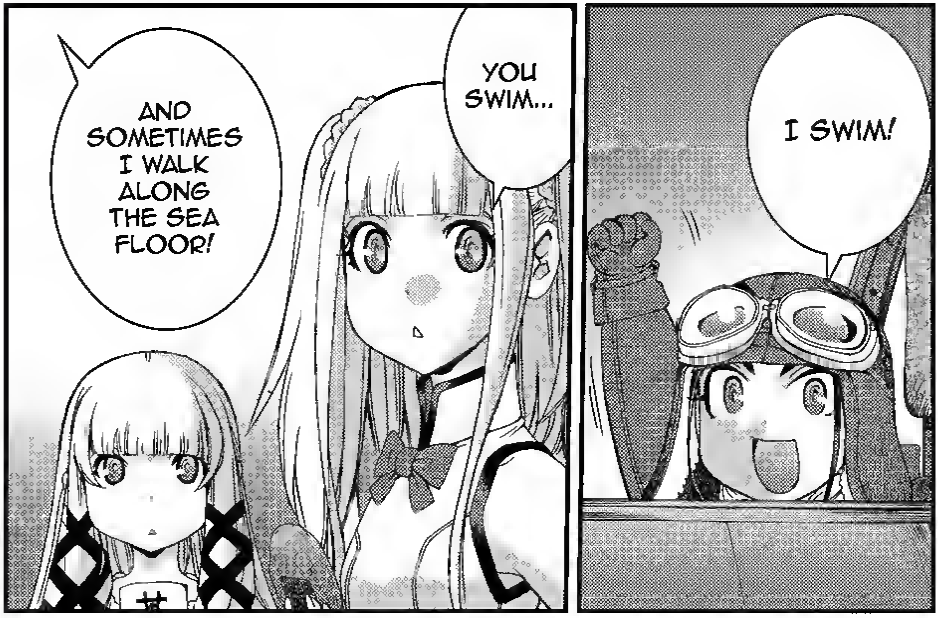
WE'RE STARTING TO RUN LOW ON MAN-POWER...
...THEY'RE STILL LARGE BATTLE-SHIP-CLASS MENTAL MODELS, WITH A HEAVY CRUISER.
EVEN WITHOUT THEIR SHIPS...
OKAY, ALL SET!

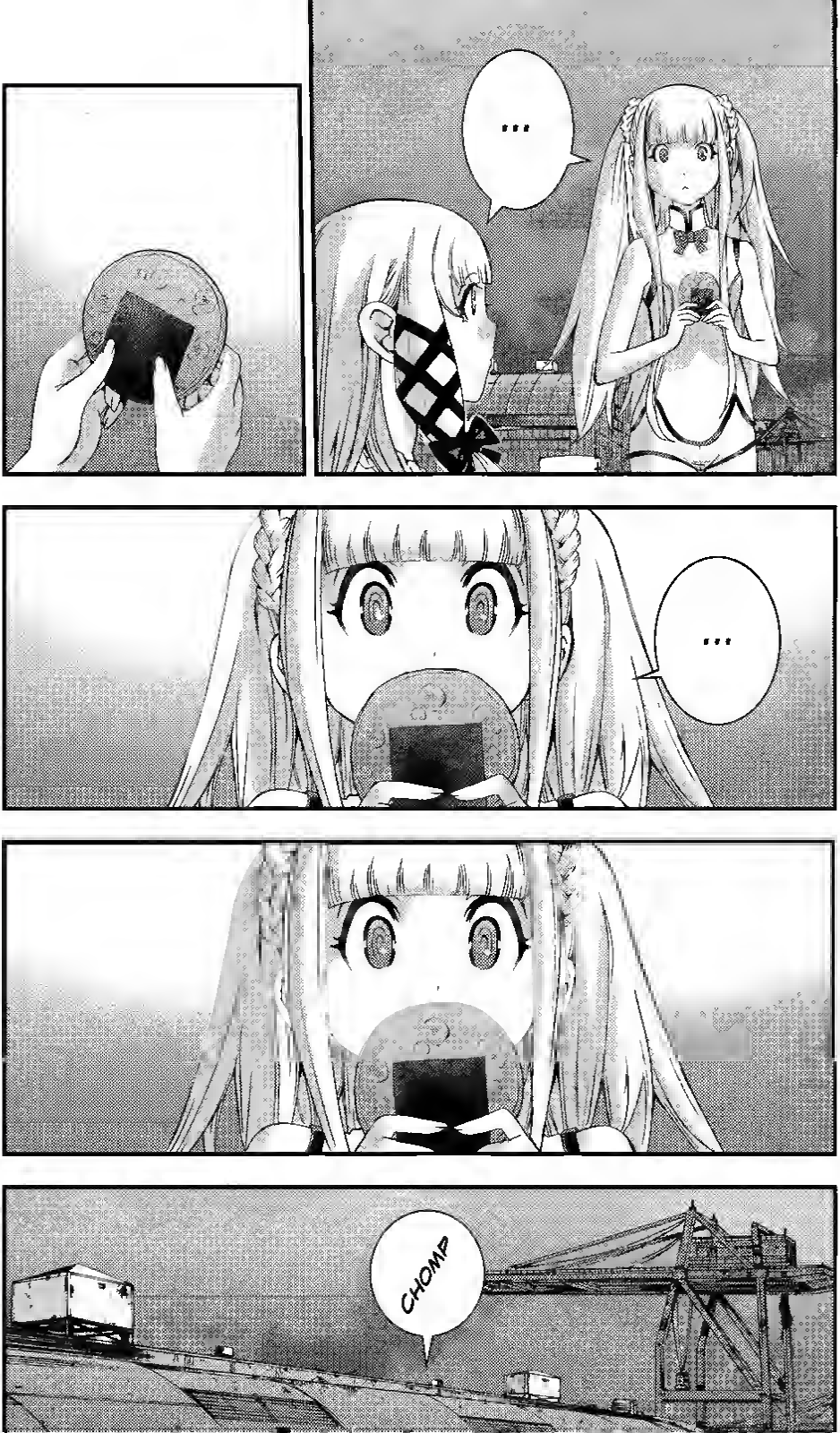

LEAVE IT TO ME! I'LL BRING BACK A HUGE CATCH!
TAKE CARE!
THEY'RE A USEFUL TOOL FOR COMMUNI-CATING WITH HUMANS.
SHE'S GOING TO CATCH FISH.
A CATCH?
LEAVE IT TO ME! I READ ABOUT HOW TO DO IT IN A BOOK YES-TERDAY.
WILL THAT BE OKAY?
I'M GOING TO TRY TRAWLING TODAY!
BASICALLY ALL YOU DO IS PICK UP THE FISH AFTER THEY FLOAT TO THE SURFACE. IT'S BORING.
OH, THAT...
WOULDN'T IT BE MORE CERTAIN TO USE THE "DYNAMITE FISHING" WITH NORMAL WARHEADS THAT YOU DID YESTERDAY?

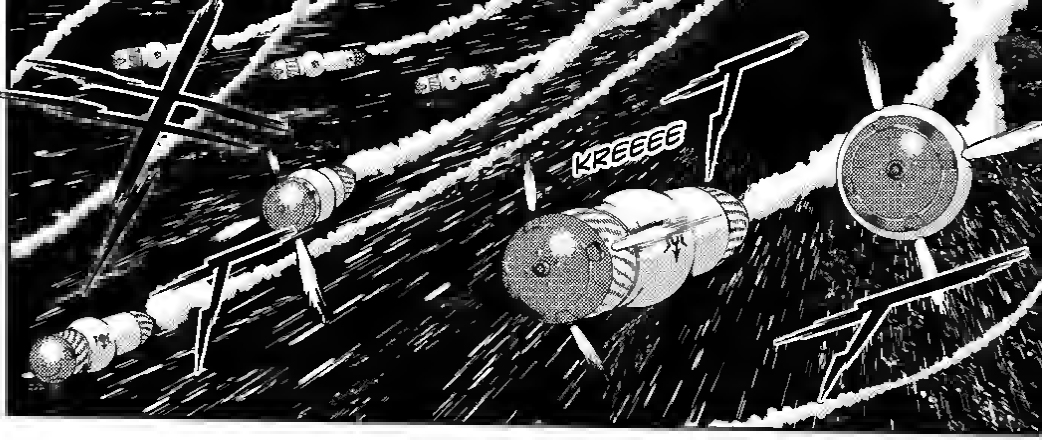

I'VE GOT THIS SEIRAN THIS TIME TOO. I CAN BRING BACK A LOT!
YOU GUYS...

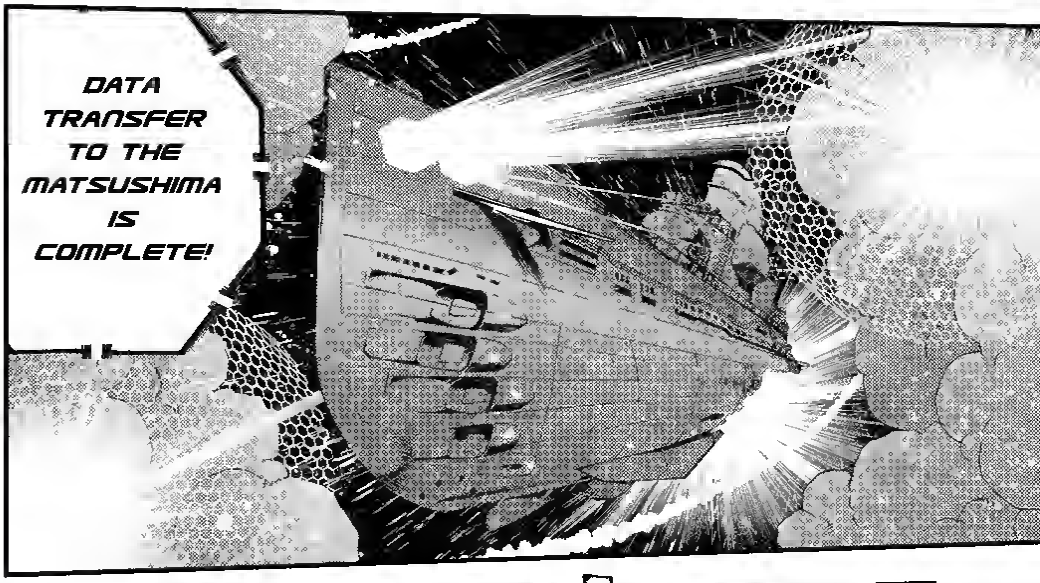

...GET BETWEEN YOUR SHIP OFF THE COAST AND THE PORT?
ほぁ～～
AAAH
COME TO THINK OF IT, HOW DO YOU USUALLY...
茶

Cup "Tea"

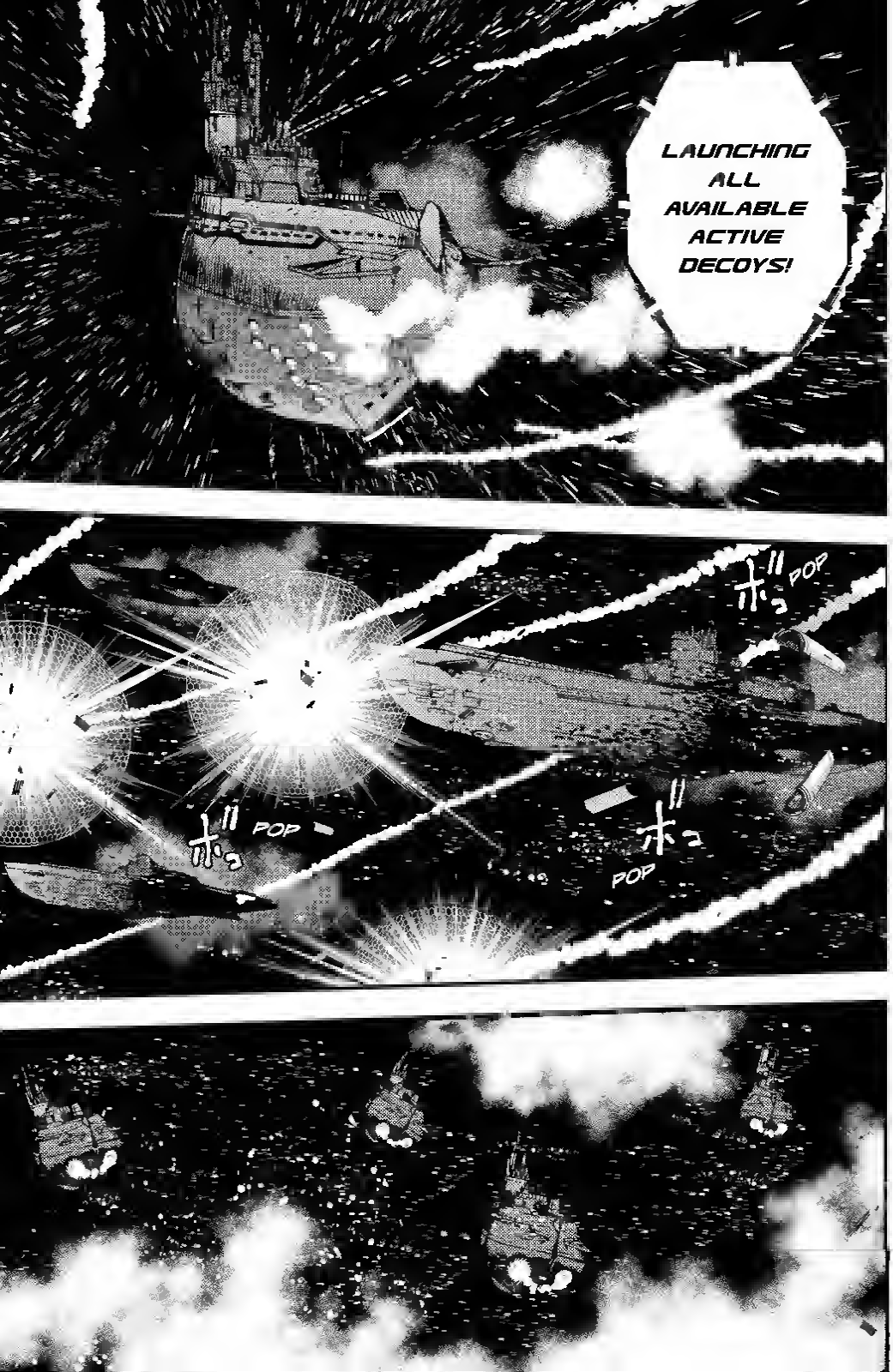

AND SOMETIMES I WALK ALONG THE SEA FLOOR!
YOU SWIM...
I SWIM!


...
...
CHOMP


KREEEE


DATA TRANSFER TO THE MATSUSHIMA IS COMPLETE!

I'LL THROW OFF EVERYTHING WE CAN!
ZRMM
ZRMM
ZRMM
OKAY, WE'RE GETTING OUT OF HERE!


LAUNCHING ALL AVAILABLE ACTIVE DECOYS!
POP
POP
POP

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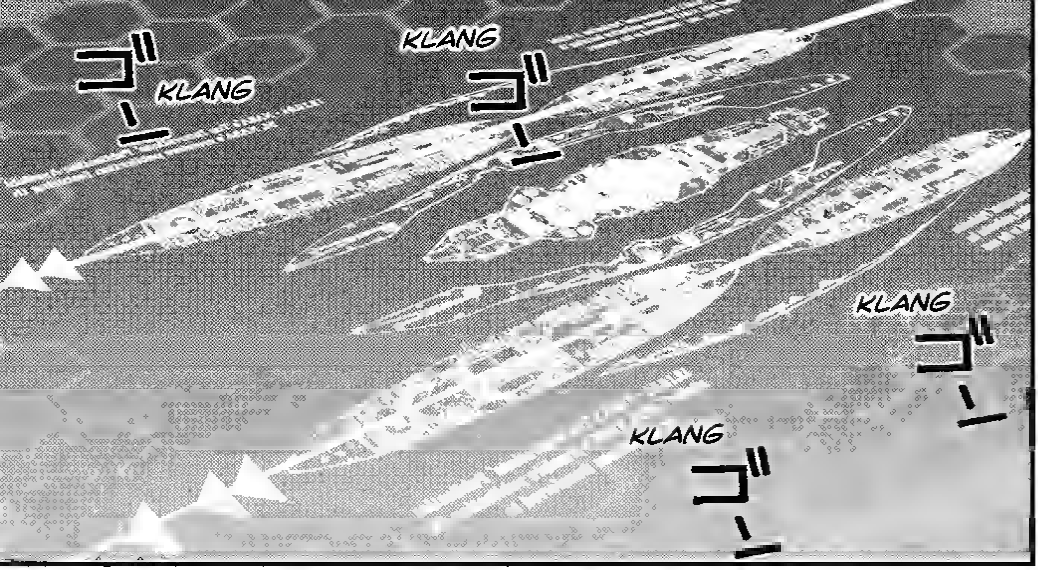
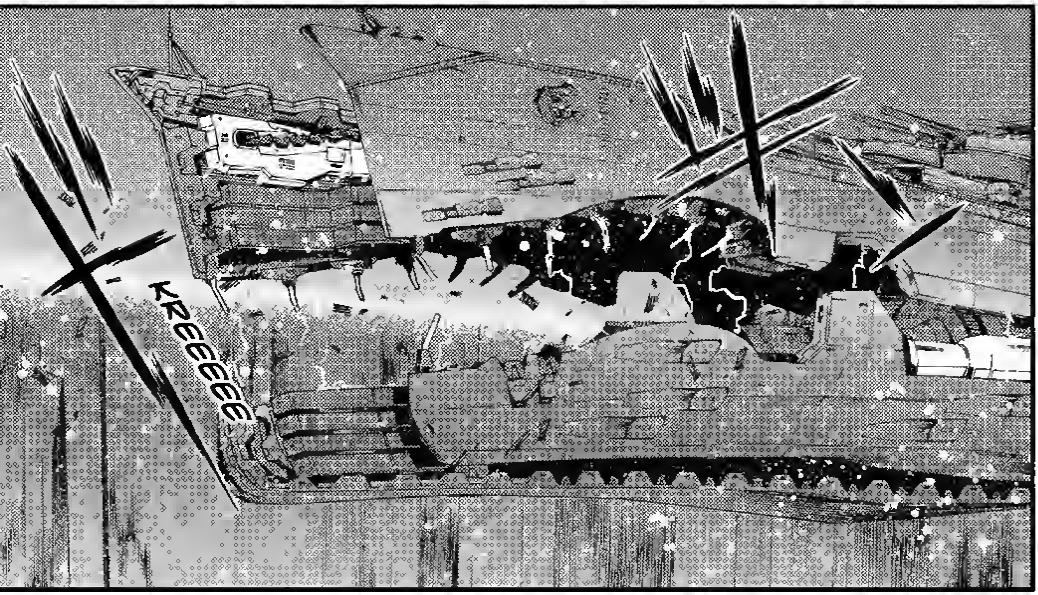
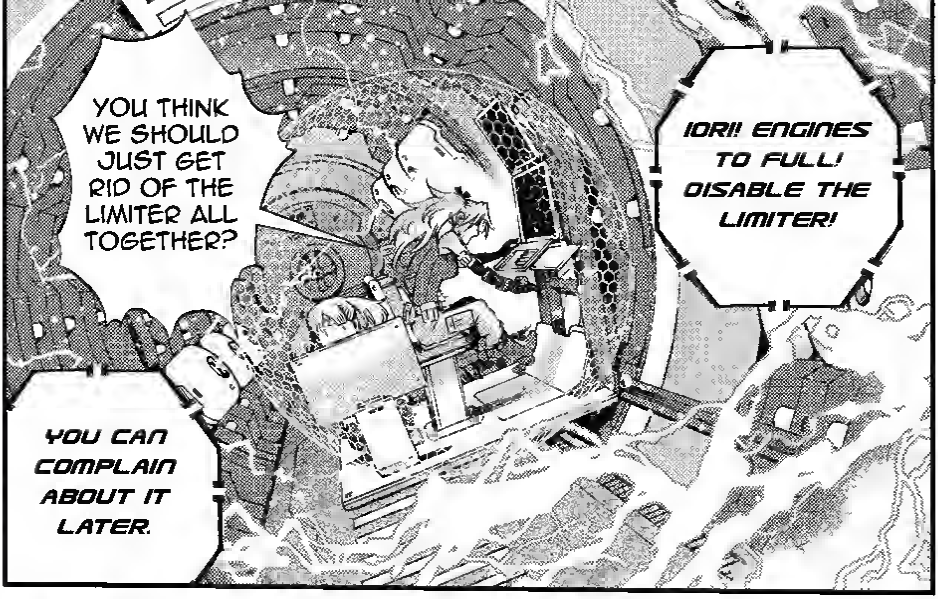
THROOOOM
PURSUE THE 401.
I-22, LAUNCH AT FULL SPEED.
ZZRRAAAH
スオ
VWEEEM

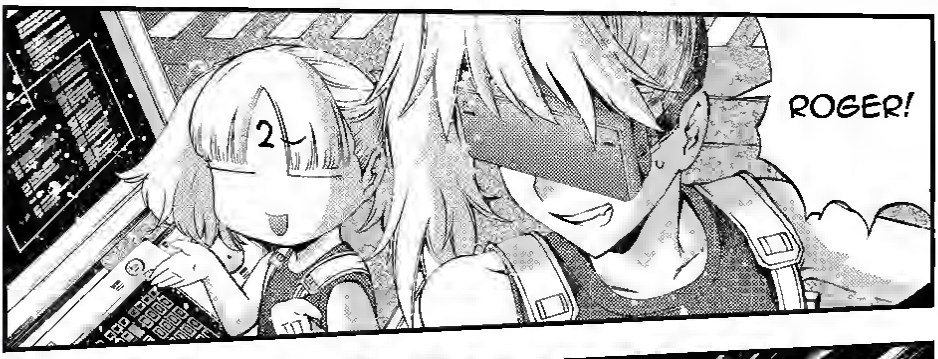

KLANG
KLANG
KLANG
KLANG

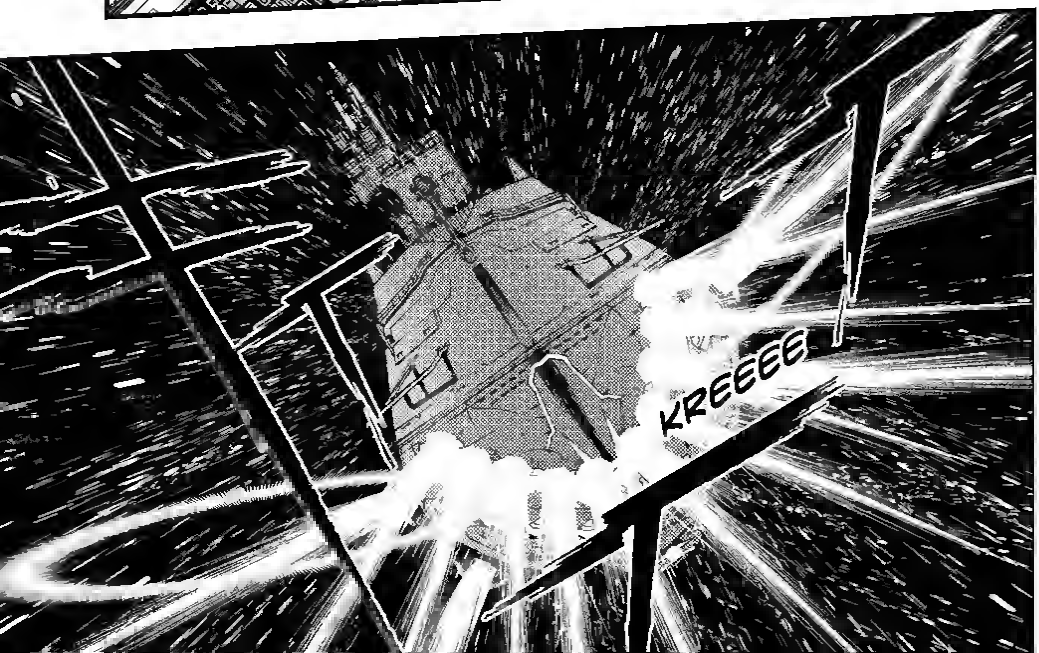

KREEEEE

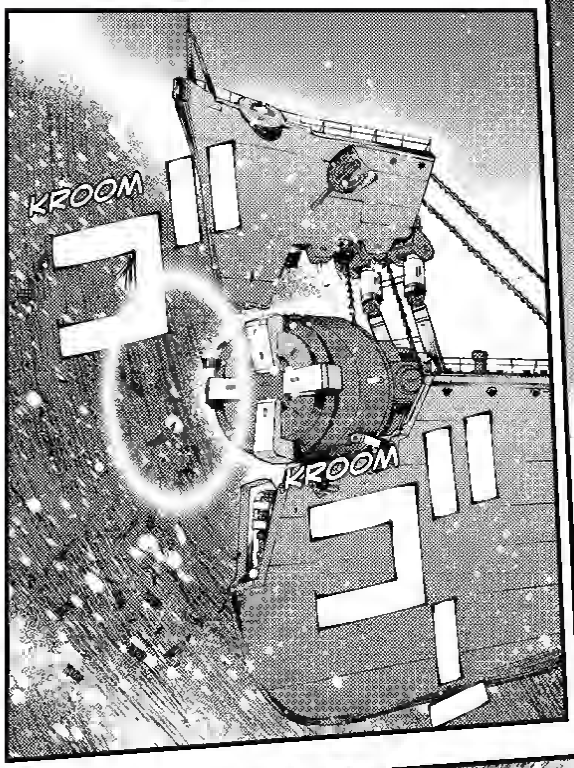
KLANG
KLANG
KLANG

BOOM
BOOM
WE'RE PROBABLY BEING AMBUSHED.
REDIRECT THE KLEIN FIELD TO THE STARBOARD SIDE AT MAXIMUM OUTPUT!
ERRM
INTERCEPT ANY ATTACKS THAT COME FROM OUR PORT SIDE.
ROGER! LEAVE IT TO ME!
ERRM

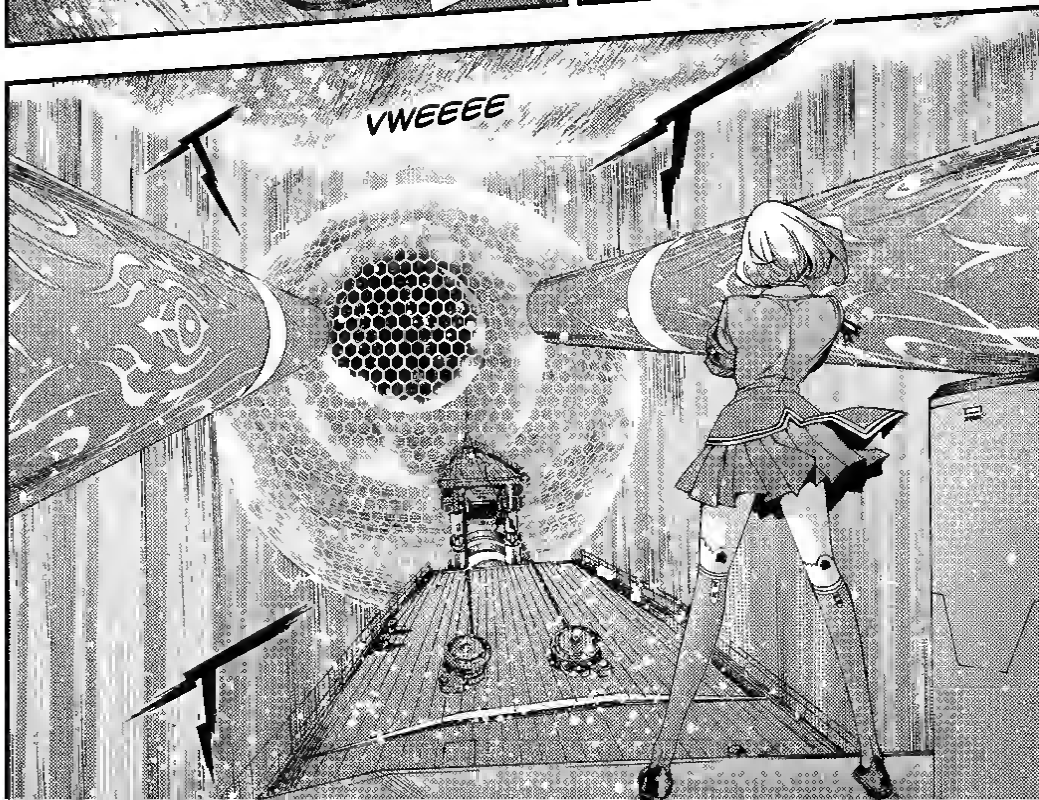

YOU THINK WE SHOULD JUST GET RID OF THE LIMITER ALL TOGETHER?
IORI! ENGINES TO FULL! DISABLE THE LIMITER!
YOU CAN COMPLAIN ABOUT IT LATER.


ROGER!


KREEEE

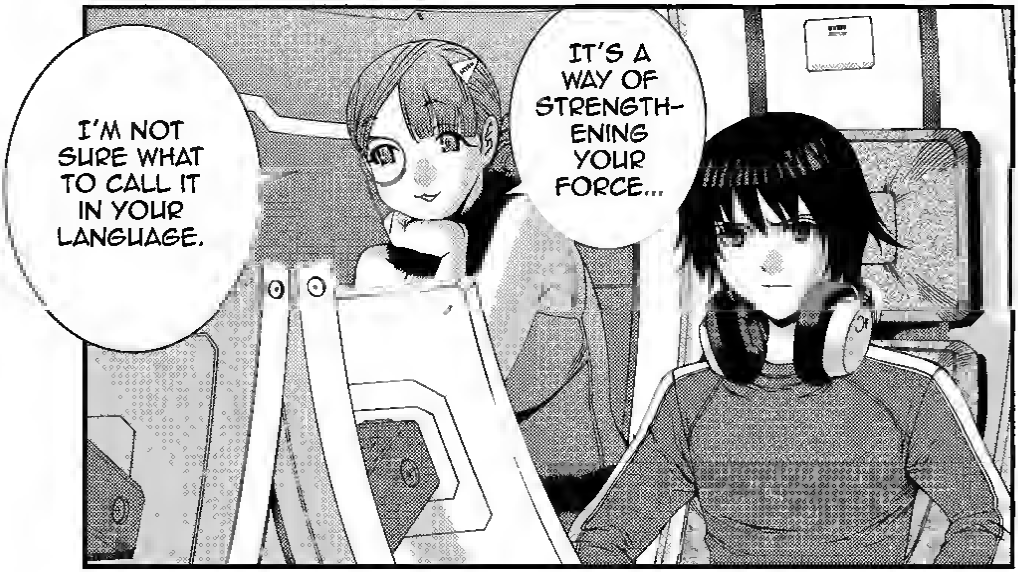

KROOM
KROOM

THERE SHE IS!


VWEEEE

I WAS RIGHT. SHE'S THERE.

WHAT IS THIS?
A TYPE OF FLAGSHIP EQUIPMENT.

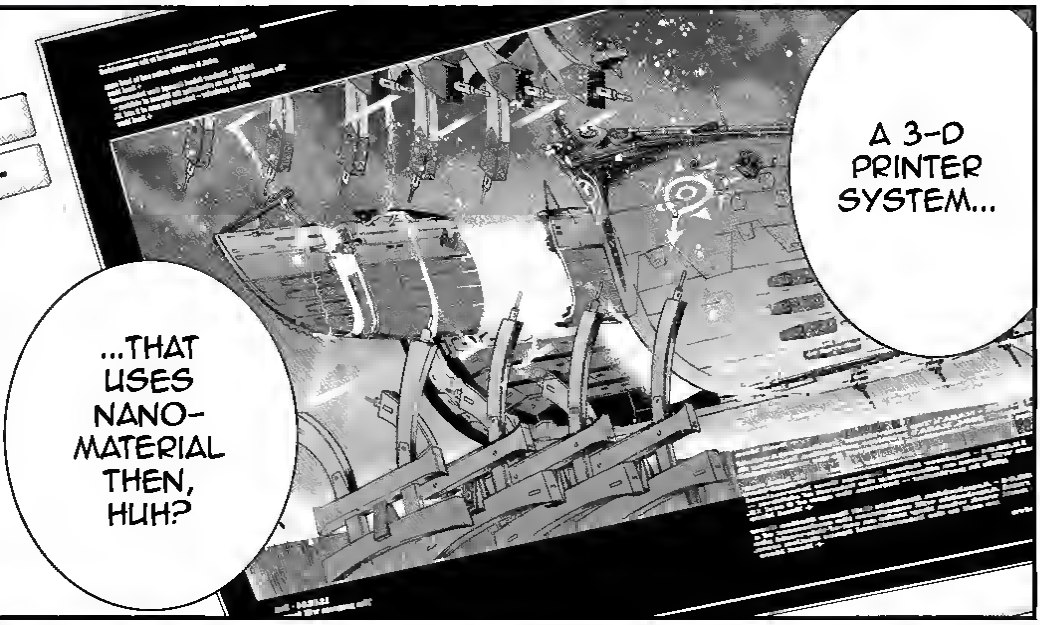

IT'S A WAY OF STRENGTH-ENING YOUR FORCE...
I'M NOT SURE WHAT TO CALL IT IN YOUR LANGUAGE.

IT'S A SYSTEM...
...FOR SUMMONING THE SHIPS IN YOUR FLEET.

SUMMONING? THE FOG...
...IS CAPABLE OF SPATIAL WARPING STRONG ENOUGH TO TELEPORT SOMETHING THE SIZE OF A WARSHIP?

NO WAY.
WE DON'T HAVE THAT KIND OF ENERGY, AND EVEN IF WE DID, WE COULDN'T SUSTAIN IT.
ONLY THE CORES ARE TRANSFERRED. THE SHIPS THEMSELVES ARE CONSTRUCTED ON SITE.

NANO-MATERIAL...
THIS IS...
ON SITE... I SEE.


A 3-D PRINTER SYSTEM...
...THAT USES NANO-MATERIAL THEN, HUH?

YES. EACH ONE OF THESE UNITS...
...IS ANALOGOUS TO A PRINT HEAD.

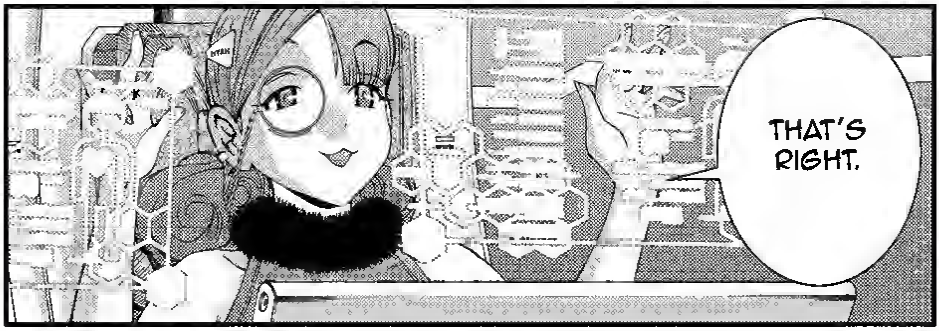
THAT'S A CLEVER WAY OF PUTTING IT.

BEEP
THE LARGEST UNIT, ABOVE THE MENTAL MODEL...
...IS WHAT PROVIDES THE ENERGY AND SYSTEMS TO TRANSFER A CORE.
HOW BIG A SHIP CAN BE TRANSPORTED THIS WAY?
HMM... IF SHE CAN KEEP GETTING NANOMATERIAL FROM HER SUPPLY SHIPS, SHE CAN SUMMON SOMETHING THE SIZE OF A LARGE BATTLESHIP.
THERE'S A LIMIT ON THE SYSTEM THAT ONLY LETS YOU...
...SUMMON SHIPS FROM YOUR OWN FLEET, THOUGH.

AND SO THAT MEANS KONGOU HAS...
...YOU'D CAUSE ANY NUMBER OF PROBLEMS, RIGHT?
KLAT
KLAT
IF YOU COULD JUST SUMMON SHIPS FROM ANOTHER FLEET...
...MY SISTER SHIP "ISE."
SHE CAN SUMMON HER.
...

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO SUMMON A LARGE BATTLE-SHIP?
BEEP
BEEP
HMM...
15 MINUTES, IF SHE FOCUSES?
CREAK

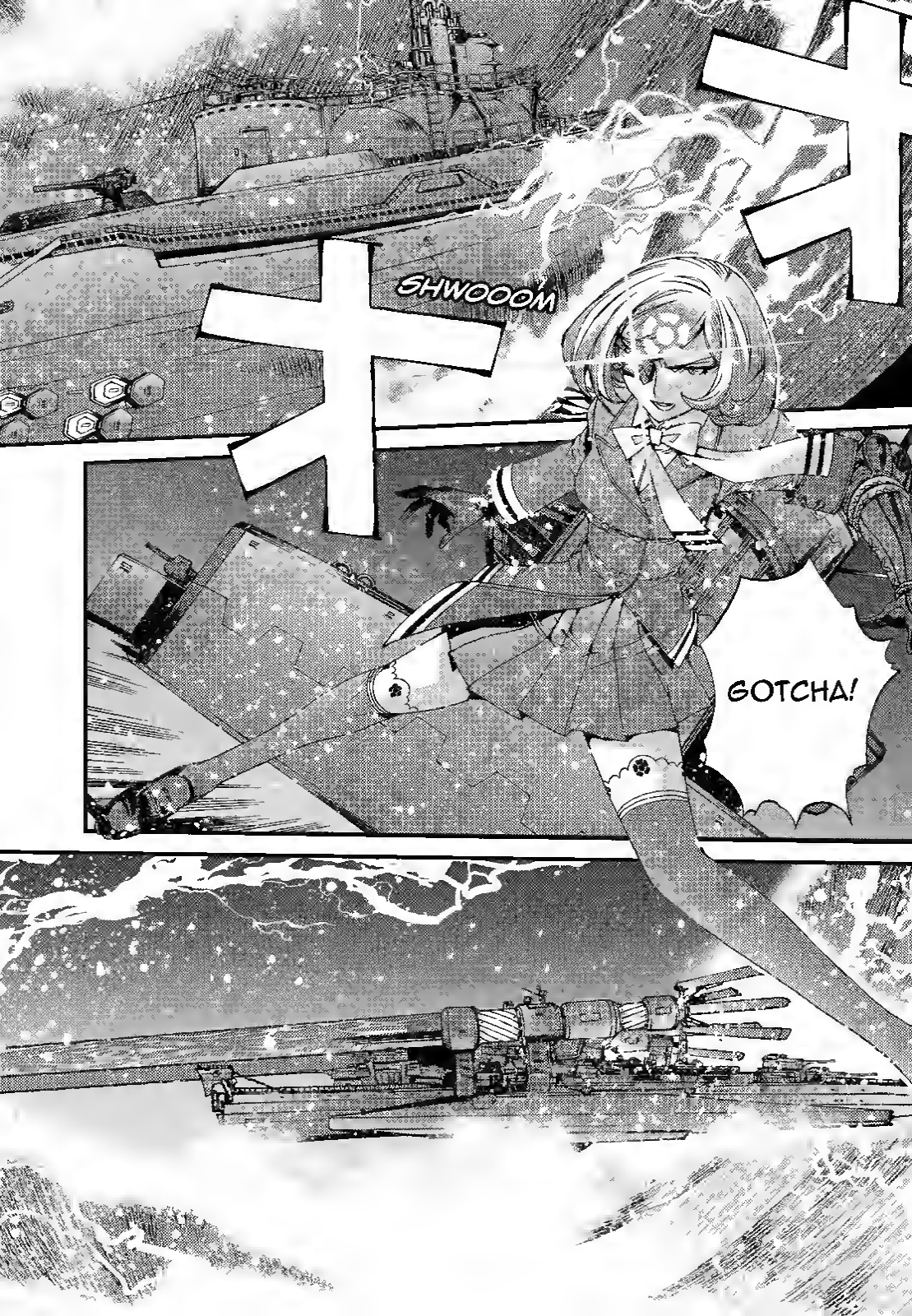
IN OTHER WORDS, IF SHE GOES FOR A SIMPLER, LIGHTER SHIP...
....SHE CAN CONSTRUCT IT FASTER.


THAT'S RIGHT.

...THE STRONGER HER FORCE IS GOING TO GET, HUH?

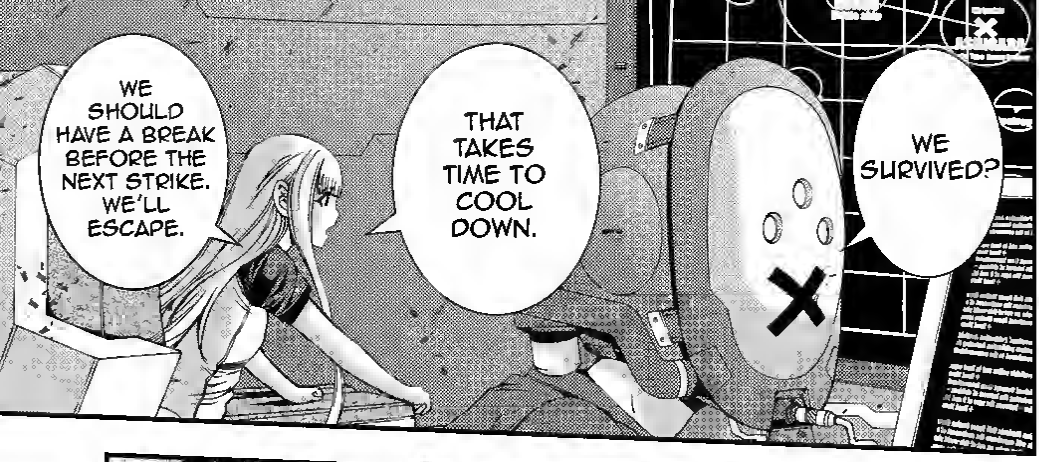
THE MORE TIME WE GIVE HER...

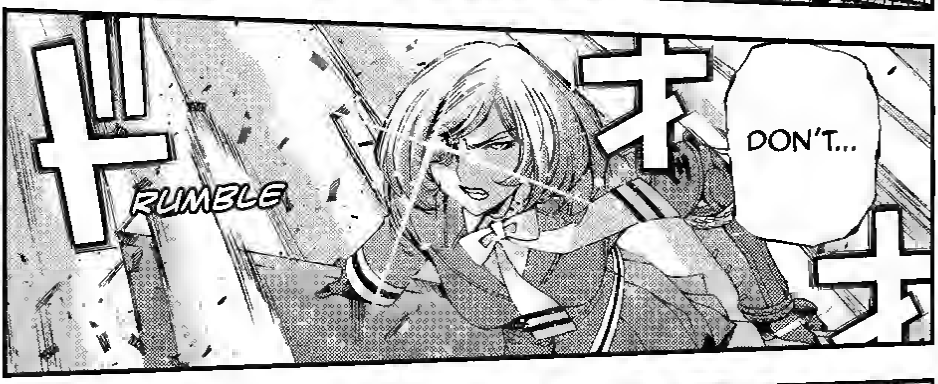
I'M NOT SURE WHAT SHIPS THE ENEMY WILL HAVE ANY-MORE...
...IN BRINGING HER ENTIRE FLEET TO THE COMBAT ZONE.
SHE MAY SUCCEED...
BZZT
THAT'S WHAT KONGOU WANTS, RIGHT?
GWOOM
SISTER IONA!


SHWOOOM
GOTCHA!

THOOM
THEY'RE LOCKED ON TO US!
BRACE FOR IMPACT!
FLASH

BOOM
ZRRMM
ZRRMM
ZRRMM
ZRRMM


WE SURVIVED?
THAT TAKES TIME TO COOL DOWN.
WE SHOULD HAVE A BREAK BEFORE THE NEXT STRIKE. WE'LL ESCAPE.


DON'T...
RUMBLE

KREEE
...UNDER-ESTIMATE ME!

ROAR
DID I GET HER?
...
DAMN...
ROAR
I LOST THE LOCK.